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MRKONIC, RAYMOND, LEH, ROBBINS AND STAIRS, JULY 2, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for obstruction of the  
3 criminal justice system.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Chapter 49 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 49

9 FALSIFICATION AND INTIMIDATION

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11 SUBCHAPTER C

12 OBSTRUCTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

13 Sec.

14 4961. Flight to avoid prosecution.

15 4962. Flight to avoid imprisonment.

16 § 4961. Flight to avoid prosecution.

17 (a) Offense defined.--An individual who, with intent to

1 avoid prosecution for an offense, moves, travels or secrets  
2 himself commits flight to avoid prosecution.

3 (b) Grading.--Grading of an offense under subsection (a) is  
4 as follows:

5 (1) If the offense upon which prosecution is based is a  
6 murder or a felony, the offense under subsection (a) is a  
7 felony of the third degree.

8 (2) If the offense upon which prosecution is based is a  
9 misdemeanor, the offense under subsection (a) is a  
10 misdemeanor of the third degree.

11 § 4962. Flight to avoid imprisonment.

12 (a) Offense defined.--An individual who, with intent to  
13 avoid imprisonment for conviction of an offense, moves, travels  
14 or secrets himself commits flight to avoid imprisonment.

15 (b) Grading.--Grading of an offense under subsection (a) is  
16 as follows:

17 (1) If the offense for which the individual was  
18 convicted is a murder or a felony, the offense under  
19 subsection (a) is a felony of the third degree.

20 (2) If the offense for which the individual was  
21 convicted is a misdemeanor, the offense under subsection (a)  
22 is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.