

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 960

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. MEBUS, ECKENSBERGER, ZORD, SCIRICA AND  
DOYLE, APRIL 9, 1975

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 28, 1975

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, authorizing immediate trial or posting  
3 of security for appearance at trial in shoplifting cases.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3929 of Title 18, act of November 25,  
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes, added December 6, 1972 (P.L.1482, No.334), is amended  
9 by adding a subsection to read:

10 § 3929. Retail theft.

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12 (d.1) Immediate trial; posting security for trial.--A  
13 defendant detained and charged with violation of this section  
14 may be taken by a peace officer before a justice of the peace  
15 without unnecessary delay where a citation shall be filed  
16 against him. The defendant shall then be given an immediate  
17 trial or the opportunity of posting security equivalent to the  
18 amount of the fine for the offense for his appearance at trial

1 thereon not less than three nor more than ~~ten~~ 30 days

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2 thereafter.

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.