
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1000 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. REED, SCHWEDER, KOWALYSHYN, DiDONATO,
BERLIN, MRS. KELLY, MESSRS. PRATT, MILLIRON AND McLANE,
APRIL 14, 1975

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JULY 22, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, relating to false alarms to agencies
3 of public safety.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4905 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 to read:

10 § 4905. False alarms to agencies of public safety.

11 A person who knowingly causes a false alarm of fire or other
12 emergency to be transmitted to or within any organization,
13 official or volunteer, for dealing with emergencies involving
14 danger to life or property commits a misdemeanor of the first
15 degree. Such person commits a felony of the third degree if a
16 false alarm of fire or other emergency knowingly transmitted by <—
17 him results in an accident, injury to any person, damage to any

1 ~~property, fatality, or any other loss, if the organization in~~
2 ~~the act of responding to the false alarm is called upon to~~
3 ~~respond to another fire or emergency whether real or false, or~~
4 ~~if a false alarm of fire or other emergency is transmitted to or~~
5 ~~within more than one such organization concurrently.~~ TRANSMITTED <—
6 BY HIM:

7 (1) RESULTS IN AN ACCIDENT, INJURY TO ANY PERSON, DAMAGE
8 TO ANY PROPERTY, FATALITY, OR ANY OTHER LOSS.

9 (2) IF THE ORGANIZATION IN THE ACT OF RESPONDING TO THE
10 FALSE ALARM IS CALLED UPON TO RESPOND TO ANOTHER FIRE OR
11 EMERGENCY WHETHER REAL OR FALSE.

12 (3) A FALSE ALARM OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY IS
13 TRANSMITTED TO OR WITHIN MORE THAN ONE SUCH ORGANIZATION
14 CONCURRENTLY.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.