

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1203 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY PRATT, ARTHURS AND FEE, JUNE 6, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 6, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting certain pseudo-religious
3 cults.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7506. Pseudo-religious cults.

10 A person is guilty of a felony of the third degree if he
11 organizes or maintains an organization into which other persons
12 are induced through the use of mind control methods, hypnosis,
13 brainwashing techniques or other systematic forms of
14 indoctrination, and the members engage in soliciting funds
15 primarily for the benefit of the organization or the leaders of
16 the organization, and the members are not permitted to travel or
17 communicate with anyone outside the organization unless another
18 member of the organization is present.

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