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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 14, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, redefining parts of the offense of
3 criminal trespass.

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

6 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 3503 of Title 18, act
7 of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

10 (a) Buildings and occupied structures.--

11 (1) A person commits an offense if, knowing that he is
12 not licensed or privileged to do so, he [enters or gains
13 entrance by subterfuge or surreptitiously remains in any
14 building or occupied structure, or separately secured or
15 occupied portion thereof.]:

16 (i) enters, gains entry by subterfuge or

17 surreptitiously remains in any building or occupied

1 structure or separately secured or occupied portion
2 thereof; or

3 (ii) breaks into any building or occupied structure
4 or separately secured or occupied portion thereof.

5 (2) [An offense under this subsection is a felony of the
6 second degree.] An offense under subparagraph (i) of
7 paragraph (1) is a ~~misdemeanor of the second~~ FELONY OF THE <—
8 THIRD degree, and an offense under subparagraph (ii) is a
9 felony of the ~~third~~ SECOND degree. <—

10 (3) As used in this subsection:

11 "Breaks into." To gain entry by force, breaking,
12 intimidation, unauthorized opening of locks, or through an
13 opening not designed for human access.

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