THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 195

Session of 1977

INTRODUCED BY HILL, MURRAY, HOLL, JUBELIRER, SCANLON, HOWARD, COPPERSMITH, SWEENEY, ZEMPRELLI, MESSINGER, FLEMING AND STAUFFER, FEBRUARY 7, 1977

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 7, 1977

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for alteration of
- 3 identification mark on movable personal property.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 4104 of Title 18, act of November 25,
- 7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 9 § 4104. Tampering with records or identification.
- 10 (a) Writings.-- A person commits a misdemeanor of the first
- 11 degree if, knowing that he has no privilege to do so, he
- 12 falsifies, destroys, removes or conceals any writing or record,
- 13 or distinguishing mark or brand or other identification with
- 14 intent to deceive or injure anyone or to conceal any wrongdoing.
- 15 (b) Personal movable property. -- A person commits a summary
- 16 offense if he knowingly buys, sells, or moves in commerce any
- 17 movable personal property which includes a radio, citizens band
- 18 radio, tape recorder, tape player, piano, phonograph, sewing

- 1 machine, washing machine, typewriter, adding machine,
- 2 comptometer, bicycle, binocular, vacuum cleaner, camera,
- 3 projector, watch, watch movement, watch case, or any mechanical
- 4 or electrical device, appliance, contrivance, material, piece of
- 5 apparatus or equipment but does not exclude items not mentioned,
- 6 from which the manufacturer's name plate, serial number or any
- 7 other distinguishing number or identification mark has been
- 8 removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed unless the
- 9 <u>alterations have been customarily made or done as an established</u>
- 10 practice in the ordinary and regular conduct of business by the
- 11 <u>original manufacturer or under specific authorization and</u>
- 12 <u>direction from the original manufacturer. Movable personal</u>
- 13 property as set forth in this subsection shall not include
- 14 firearms or motor vehicles.
- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.