

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 680

Session of
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SENATOR SNYDER, JUDICIARY, AS AMENDED, JUNE 11, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 limitations of prosecutions for certain criminal offenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5551 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5551. No limitation applicable [to murder or voluntary
9 manslaughter].

10 A prosecution for [murder or for voluntary manslaughter] the
11 following offenses may be commenced at any time:

12 (1) Murder.

13 (2) Voluntary manslaughter.

14 (3) Conspiracy to commit murder or solicitation to
15 commit murder if a murder results from the conspiracy or
16 solicitation.

17 (4) Any felony alleged to have been perpetrated in
18 connection with a murder of the FIRST OR second degree, as

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1 set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502(A) OR (b) and (d) (relating to <—
2 murder).

3 Section 2. Section 5552(a) and (b) of Title 42, (b) amended
4 December 20, 1982 (P.L.1409, No.326), are amended to read:

5 § 5552. Other offenses.

6 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this
7 subchapter, a prosecution for an offense [other than murder or
8 voluntary manslaughter] must be commenced within two years after
9 it is committed.

10 (b) Major offenses.--A prosecution for any of the following
11 offenses must be commenced within five years after it is
12 committed:

13 (1) Under the following provisions of Title 18 (relating
14 to crimes and offenses):

15 Section 911 (relating to corrupt organizations).

16 Section 2706 (relating to terroristic threats).

17 Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).

18 Section 3121 (relating to rape).

19 Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual
20 intercourse).

21 Section 3301 (relating to arson and related
22 offenses).

23 Section 3502 (relating to burglary).

24 Section 3701 (relating to robbery).

25 Section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful taking or
26 disposition) through section 3931 (relating to theft of
27 unpublished dramas and musical compositions).

28 Section 4101 (relating to forgery).

29 Section 4108 (relating to commercial bribery and
30 breach of duty to act disinterestedly).

1 Section 4109 (relating to rigging publicly exhibited
2 contest).

3 Section 4302 (relating to incest).

4 Section 4701 (relating to bribery in official and
5 political matters) through section 4703 (relating to
6 retaliation for past official action).

7 Section 4902 (relating to perjury) through section
8 4912 (relating to impersonating a public servant).

9 Section 4952 (relating to intimidation of witnesses
10 or victims).

11 Section 4953 (relating to retaliation against witness
12 or victim).

13 Section 5101 (relating to obstructing administration
14 of law or other governmental function).

15 Section 5512 (relating to lotteries, etc.) through
16 section 5514 (relating to pool selling and bookmaking).

17 Section 5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related
18 offenses).

19 (2) Any offense punishable under section 13(f) of the
20 act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The
21 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act."

22 (3) Any conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set
23 forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) and any solicitation to
24 commit any of the offenses in paragraphs (1) and (2) if the
25 solicitation results in the completed offense.

26 (4) Under the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21),
27 known as the "Public Welfare Code."

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29 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.