

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MADIGAN, HESS, GREENWOOD, SHUMAKER, WENGER,
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REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 16, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the criminal offense of
3 agricultural vandalism; and providing for a penalty.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3309. Agricultural vandalism.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
10 agricultural vandalism if he intentionally or recklessly:

11 (1) defaces, marks or otherwise damages the tangible
12 property of another, where the property defaced, marked or
13 otherwise damaged is used in agricultural activity or
14 farming; or

15 (2) engages in acts which interfere with or threaten
16 another's agricultural activity or farming so as to endanger
17 person or property or cause pecuniary loss.

1 (b) Grading.--Agricultural vandalism is a felony of the
2 third degree if the actor intentionally causes pecuniary loss in
3 excess of \$5,000, a misdemeanor of the first degree if the actor
4 intentionally causes pecuniary loss in excess of \$1,000, or a
5 misdemeanor of the second degree if the actor intentionally or
6 recklessly causes pecuniary loss in excess of \$500. Otherwise,
7 agricultural vandalism is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

8 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the terms
9 "agricultural activity" and "farming" mean the commercial
10 production of agricultural crops, livestock or livestock
11 products, poultry or poultry products, milk, eggs or dairy
12 products, or fruits or other horticultural products.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.