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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1393 Session of  
1989

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INTRODUCED BY MERRY, TIGUE, CESSAR, ROBINSON, BOYES, STABACK,  
DIETTERICK, DeLUCA, NAHILL, SAURMAN, SERAFINI, FOX, GEIST,  
ROBBINS AND TRELLO, MAY 2, 1989

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 2, 1989

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for endangering  
3 welfare of children.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4304 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended December 19, 1988 (P.L.1275,  
8 No.158), is amended to read:

9 § 4304. Endangering welfare of children.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A parent, guardian, or other person  
11 supervising the welfare of a child under 18 years of age commits  
12 a misdemeanor of the first degree if he knowingly endangers the  
13 welfare of the child by violating a duty of care, protection or  
14 support.

15 (b) Offense resulting in death.--A parent, guardian or other  
16 person supervising the welfare of a child under 18 years of age  
17 commits a felony of the first degree if he knowingly endangers  
18 the welfare of the child by violating a duty of care, protection

1 or support and thereby causes the death of the child.

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