THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1712 Session of 1993

INTRODUCED BY TRICH, BELFANTI, STABACK, DeLUCA, TANGRETTI, MUNDY, SANTONI, MELIO, TIGUE, CAPPABIANCA, TRELLO, GAMBLE, BATTISTO, FAIRCHILD, HASAY, GEIST, SAURMAN, STRITTMATTER, FLEAGLE, LAUB, RAYMOND, DENT, MIHALICH, STERN, MICOZZIE, ROHRER, FICHTER, MERRY, BAKER, FLICK, MASLAND, LAWLESS, HERSHEY, PERZEL AND SATHER, JUNE 7, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 7, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2   Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of damaging
3   leasehold premises and for the offense of absconding without
4   paying rent due.

5   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

6 hereby enacts as follows:

7   Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated

8 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

9   § 3310. Damaging leasehold premises.

10   A tenant of residential property who maliciously or wantonly

11 causes damage to his leasehold premises commits, in addition to

12 any other offense provided by law, a misdemeanor of the third

13 degree.

14   § 7509. Absconding without paying rent due.

15   (a) Offense defined.--A tenant of residential property who

16 intentionally absconds without paying all current or past due

17 rent commits, in addition to any other offense provided by law,

1 a misdemeanor of the third degree.

2   (b) Applicability.--Subsection (a) shall not apply if any

3 one of the following conditions are met:

4   (1) The tenant has provided the landlord with a security

5   deposit which equals or exceeds the amount the tenant owes

6   the landlord for rent and damage to property.

7   (2) The tenant provides to the landlord in writing a

8   complete and accurate forwarding address within five days

9   after the day the tenant vacates the leasehold premises.

10   (3) A civil suit to collect past due rent has been filed

11   against the tenant or a civil judgment for past due rent has

12   been entered against the tenant.

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