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STEELMAN, JUNE 13, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for reporting of suspected  
3 abuse or a prohibited sexual act.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6312 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

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10 (b.1) Reporting of suspected abuse or a prohibited sexual  
11 act.--

12 (1) Any commercial film or photographic print processor  
13 who:

14 (i) discovers evidence of suspected sexual abuse of  
15 a minor as defined under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6302 (relating to  
16 findings and purpose of chapter) or suspected prohibited

1       sexual acts involving a minor; and

2           (ii) fails to report the same to the Pennsylvania  
3       State Police commits a summary offense and shall be  
4       sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 for a first  
5       offense and not less than \$150 for subsequent offenses.

6       (2) Any employer who employs commercial film or  
7       photographic print processors and who fails to inform such  
8       employees of their required reporting under this subsection  
9       commits a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a  
10      fine of not less than \$300.

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