

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 543 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, ULIANA, JUBELIRER, MELLOW,
AFFLERBACH, GERLACH, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, MADIGAN,
WOZNIAK, THOMPSON, DELP AND SALVATORE, FEBRUARY 25, 1997

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the crime of municipal
3 housing code avoidance.

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 § 7509. Municipal housing code avoidance.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the crime of
10 municipal housing code avoidance upon that person's fourth or
11 subsequent conviction of a violation of the same subsection of a
12 municipal housing code for the same property without any
13 reasonable attempt to correct the violation.

14 (b) Grading.--Municipal housing code avoidance shall
15 constitute a:

16 (1) Misdemeanor of the second degree when the offense is
17 a fourth conviction of a violation of the same subsection
18 under a municipal housing code relating to the same property.

1 (2) Misdemeanor of the first degree when the offense is
2 based on five or more convictions of violations of the same
3 subsection under a municipal housing code relating to the
4 same property.

5 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
6 "municipal housing code" means any municipality's building,
7 housing or property maintenance code or ordinance.

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