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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
FEBRUARY 2, 2000

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and~~ <—
2 ~~Judicial Procedure)~~ TITLE 18 (CRIMES AND OFFENSES) of the <—
3 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of
4 bomb threats.

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 a section to read:

9 § 2715. Bomb threats.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person who intentionally:

11 (1) places or sets a bomb;

12 (2) causes the placement or setting of a bomb;

13 (3) reports without factual basis of knowledge the
14 existence or potential existence of a bomb; or

15 (4) threatens by any means the placement or setting of a
16 bomb;

1 commits an offense under this section. A separate offense shall
2 occur for each placement or setting of a bomb or each threat to
3 place or set a bomb.

4 (b) Penalty.--An offense under this section shall be graded
5 as follows:

6 (1) a misdemeanor of the first degree for a first
7 offense; or

8 (2) a felony of the third degree for a second or
9 subsequent offense.

10 (c) Emergency response costs.--In addition to any fines,
11 fees, costs or restitution provided for by law, the court may
12 order a person convicted under this section to reimburse the
13 State, county or municipal corporation for the costs incurred
14 incident to a bomb threat for emergency response resources
15 reasonably necessary to protect life and property.

16 (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "bomb"
17 means an explosive device used for unlawful purposes.

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