

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI, M. WHITE, WENGER, ROBBINS, CORMAN,  
RAFFERTY AND WOZNIAK, APRIL 11, 2003

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 11, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of environmental  
3 harassment; and providing a penalty.

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 § 5518. Environmental harassment.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of  
10 environmental harassment if the person communicates to another  
11 person a threat to commit or cause to be committed a crime of  
12 violence dangerous to human life or destructive to property or  
13 business practices, for the purpose of expressing a perspective  
14 on an environmental or natural resource issue and the reasonable  
15 consequence of the threat is one of the following:

16 (1) To cause personal injury or damage to property or  
17 business.

18 (2) To cause interruption of business which results in

1     loss of revenue.

2     (b) Restitution.--A person convicted under this section  
3 shall, in addition to any other sentence imposed, be sentenced  
4 to pay the threatened person or business the amount of actual  
5 loss and restitution in an amount equal to the cost of  
6 interruption of business directly related to the act of  
7 environmental harassment.

8     (c) Grading.--An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
9 of the third degree.

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