
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 989 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW, HERSHEY, CALTAGIRONE
AND K. SMITH, APRIL 2, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 2, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of
3 posting advertisements on another's property.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6503. Posting advertisements on property of another.

9 (a) [Offense] Offenses defined.--

10 (1) A person [is guilty of] commits a summary offense if
11 he pastes, paints, brands or stamps or in any manner
12 whatsoever places upon or attaches to any building, fence,
13 bridge, gate, outbuilding or other object, upon the grounds
14 of any charitable, educational or penal institution of the
15 Commonwealth, or upon any property belonging to the
16 Commonwealth government, any political subdivision, or
17 municipal or local authority, any written, printed, painted
18 or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign or poster, or

1 pastes, paints, brands, stamps or in any manner whatsoever
2 places upon, or attaches to any building, fence, bridge,
3 gate, outbuilding or property of another, whether within or
4 without the limits of a highway, any written, printed,
5 painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, card or
6 poster, without first having obtained the written consent of
7 the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy
8 thereof.

9 (2) (i) A person commits a summary offense if he causes
10 any unsolicited newspaper, magazine, advertising
11 circular, handbill, flyer, advertising supplement,
12 coupon, leaflet, pamphlet or other related material to be
13 deposited into or upon the property of another if a
14 previously distributed unsolicited newspaper, magazine,
15 advertising circular, handbill, flyer, advertising
16 supplement, coupon, leaflet, pamphlet or other related
17 material which advertises the same event, business,
18 company, enterprise, facility, show, meeting, product,
19 product line or service is visible in or on the property
20 of another from a vantage point outside the property.

21 (ii) The advertising materials of scientific,
22 charitable, religious, educational or literary
23 institutions are not exempt from this paragraph.

24 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) of this section shall not
25 prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or
26 order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any
27 notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon
28 which the same is so posted or placed.

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