

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2289 Session of  
2008

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FAIRCHILD, MARCH 5, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 5, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for desecration or  
3 sale of venerated objects.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5509 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 5509. Desecration or sale of venerated objects.

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10 (a.2) Veteran's grave markers.--A person commits a  
11 misdemeanor of the first degree if the person removes a marker  
12 or item decorating a veteran's grave with the intent to sell the

1 item. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall  
2 be graded as a felony of the third degree.

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4 Section 2. The addition of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5509(a.2) shall  
5 apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of  
6 this section.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.