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SWANGER, THOMAS, TRUE AND VULAKOVICH, JUNE 27, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 27, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of theft of
3 human body parts.

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 § 3935. Theft of human body parts.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of theft
10 of human body parts if the person takes or exercises control
11 over a human body part without first obtaining the written
12 consent of the authorizing agent.

13 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section constitutes a
14 felony of the second degree.

15 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection:

1 "Authorizing agent." A person legally entitled to authorize
2 the burial or cremation of human remains.

3 "Human body part." Any portion of the human anatomy removed
4 from a person or human remains.

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