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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 605 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA,  
FOLMER, FONTANA, LOGAN, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY,  
STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, WONDERLING AND  
VOGEL, MARCH 12, 2009

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 12, 2009

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of  
3 robbery.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3701 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3701. Robbery.

9 (a) Offense defined.--

10 (1) A person is guilty of robbery if, in the course of  
11 committing a theft, he:

12 (i) inflicts serious bodily injury upon another;

13 (ii) threatens another with or intentionally puts  
14 him in fear of immediate serious bodily injury;

15 (iii) commits or threatens immediately to commit any  
16 felony of the first or second degree;

17 (iv) inflicts bodily injury upon another or

1           threatens another with or intentionally puts him in fear  
2           of immediate bodily injury; [or]

3           (v) physically takes or removes property from the  
4           person of another by force however slight[.]; or

5           (vi) takes or removes the money of a financial  
6           institution without the permission of the financial  
7           institution by making a demand of an employee of the  
8           financial institution orally or in writing with the  
9           intent to deprive the financial institution thereof.

10          (2) An act shall be deemed "in the course of committing  
11          a theft" if it occurs in an attempt to commit theft or in  
12          flight after the attempt or commission.

13          (3) For purposes of this subsection, a "financial  
14          institution" means a bank, trust company, savings trust,  
15          credit union or similar institution.

16          (b) Grading.--Robbery under subsection (a) (1) (iv) and (vi)  
17          is a felony of the second degree; robbery under subsection (a)  
18          (1) (v) is a felony of the third degree; otherwise, it is a  
19          felony of the first degree.

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