

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 198 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, WAUGH, WARD, TARTAGLIONE,  
FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY AND ALLOWAY,  
JANUARY 18, 2013

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 18, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family,  
3 further providing for the offense of endangering welfare of  
4 children.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4304(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 4304. Endangering welfare of children.

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11 (b) Grading.--[An]

12 (1) Except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3), an  
13 offense under this section constitutes a misdemeanor of the  
14 first degree. [However, where]

15 (2) If there is a course of conduct of endangering the  
16 welfare of a child, the offense constitutes a felony of the  
17 third degree.

18 (3) If an offense under this section is the result of

1     leaving a child under 13 years of age in a motor vehicle  
2     without adult supervision, the offense constitutes a felony  
3     of the third degree.

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