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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 685 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, BULLOCK AND V. BROWN, MARCH 3, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 3, 2017

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AN ACT

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

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  
19 pastes, paints, brands, stamps or in any manner whatsoever

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

8 (2) (i) A person commits a summary offense if he causes  
9 an unsolicited newspaper, magazine, advertising circular,  
10 handbill, flyer, advertising supplement, coupon, leaflet,  
11 pamphlet or other related material to be deposited into  
12 or upon the property of another within a city of the  
13 first class.

14 (ii) The advertising materials of scientific,  
15 charitable, religious, educational or literary  
16 institutions are not exempt from this paragraph.

17 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) of this section shall not  
18 prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or  
19 order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any  
20 notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon  
21 which the same is so posted or placed.

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