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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1772 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, KNOWLES, M. K. KELLER, JONES, BROOKS,  
RYAN, OWLETT, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, SAYLOR, DeLUCA, JOHNSON-  
HARRELL, PASHINSKI, MASSER, PICKETT AND ZIMMERMAN,  
AUGUST 30, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 30, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal  
3 intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal  
4 trespass.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3503(b)(1) of Title 18 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

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11 (b) Defiant trespasser.--

12 (1) A person commits an offense if, knowing that he is  
13 not licensed or privileged to do so, he enters or remains in  
14 any place as to which notice against trespass is given by:

15 (i) actual communication to the actor;

16 (ii) posting in a manner prescribed by law or  
17 reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders;

18 (iii) fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed

1 to exclude intruders;

2 (iv) notices posted in a manner prescribed by law or  
3 reasonably likely to come to the person's attention at  
4 each entrance of school grounds that visitors are  
5 prohibited without authorization from a designated  
6 school, center or program official; [or]

7 (v) an actual communication to the actor to leave  
8 school grounds as communicated by a school, center or  
9 program official, employee or agent or a law enforcement  
10 officer[.]; or

11 (vi) vertical lines, using industry standard no-  
12 hunting purple paint at least eight inches long and one  
13 inch wide and between three and five feet above the  
14 ground on trees or posts around the property. The paint  
15 marks may not be more than 100 feet apart from the next  
16 closest paint mark and shall be placed so that the paint  
17 marks are readily visible to a person approaching the  
18 property.

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