

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 600

Session of 1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. VAN SANT, MAY 2, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LAW AND ORDER, MAY 2, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24 1939 (P L 872) entitled "An act to consolidate amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth" providing a minimum penalty provision for bribery in athletic contests and soliciting or accepting bribes in athletic contests

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 Section 614 and 615 act of June 24 1939 (P L 872)  
2 known as "The Penal Code" amended July 19 1951 (P L 1071) are  
3 amended to read

4 Section 614 Bribery in Athletic Contests Whoever gives or promises  
5 or offers or conspires to give or promise or offer to anyone who partici-  
6 pates or expects to participate in any professional or amateur game or  
7 contest or match or race or sport or to any owner or manager or coach  
8 or trainer of or to any relative of or to any person having any direct  
9 or indirect or remote or possible connection with any team or individual  
10 or participant or prospective participant in any such professional or  
11 amateur game or contest or match or race or sport any bribe or money  
12 or goods or present or reward or any valuable thing whatsoever or any  
13 promise contract or agreement whatsoever with intent to influence him  
14 or them to lose or cause to be lost any game or contest or match or  
15 race or sport or to limit his or their or any person's or any team's  
16 margin of victory in any game or contest or match or race or sport or  
17 to fix or throw any game or contest or match or race or sport is guilty  
18 of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay  
19 a fine not less than two thousand dollars (\$2000) and not exceeding

1 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or undergo imprisonment not less than  
2 two (2) years and not exceeding ten (10) years or both

3 Section 615 Soliciting or Accepting a Bribe in Athletic Contests  
4 Whoever participates or expects to participate in any professional or  
5 amateur game or contest or match or race or sport car or any owner or  
6 manager or coach or trainer of or any relative of or any person having  
7 any direct or indirect or remote or possible connection with any team  
8 or individual or participant or prospective participant in any such pro-  
9 fessional or amateur game or contest or match or race or sport in any  
10 way solicits or receives or accepts or agrees to receive or accept or who  
11 conspires to receive or accept any bribe or money or goods or present  
12 or reward or any valuable thing whatsoever or any promise contract  
13 or agreement whatsoever with intent to lose or cause to be lost any game  
14 or contest or match or race or sport or to limit his or their or any person's  
15 or any team's margin of victory in any game or contest or match or  
16 race or sport or to fix or throw any game or contest or match or race  
17 or sport is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall  
18 be sentenced to pay a fine not less than two thousand dollars (\$2000)  
19 and not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or undergo imprison-

1 ment not less than two (2) years and not exceeding ten (10) years or

2 both

3 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of  
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved—The .....day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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Governor