

No. 1988-103

## AN ACT

SB 235

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for institutional vandalism.

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

Section 1. Section 3307 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 3307. Institutional vandalism.

(a) Offenses defined.—A person commits the offense of institutional vandalism if he knowingly desecrates, as defined in section 5509 (relating to desecration of venerated objects), vandalizes, defaces or otherwise damages:

(1) any church, synagogue or other facility or place used for religious worship or other religious purposes;

(2) any cemetery, mortuary or other facility used for the purpose of burial or memorializing the dead;

(3) any school, educational facility, community center, *municipal building, courthouse facility* or juvenile detention center;

(4) the grounds adjacent to and owned or occupied by any facility set forth in paragraph (1), (2) or (3); or

(5) any personal property located in any facility set forth in [paragraph (1), (2) or (3)] *this subsection*.

(b) Grading.—An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree *if the act is one of desecration as defined in section 5509* or if the actor causes pecuniary loss in excess of \$5,000. Pecuniary loss includes the cost of repair or replacement of the property affected. Otherwise, institutional vandalism is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

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

APPROVED—The 3rd day of October, A. D. 1988.

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