
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 31, 2017

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 definitions, for the offense
4 of burglary and for the offense of criminal trespass.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3501 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 3501. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this chapter which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this chapter, the following words or phrases when
13 used in this chapter shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

15 "Domestic animal." As defined in section 5511 (relating to
16 cruelty to animals).

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18 Section 2. Sections 3502 and 3503 of Title 18 are amended by

1 adding subsections to read:

2 § 3502. Burglary.

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4 (d.1) Sentencing enhancement.--The Pennsylvania Commission
5 on Sentencing, in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 2154 (relating to
6 adoption of guidelines for sentencing), shall provide for a
7 sentencing enhancement for courts to consider in cases involving
8 burglary where a domestic animal is harmed or killed in the
9 course of the burglary.

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11 § 3503. Criminal trespass.

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13 (c.1) Sentencing enhancement.--The Pennsylvania Commission
14 on Sentencing, in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 2154 (relating to
15 adoption of guidelines for sentencing), shall provide for a
16 sentencing enhancement for courts to consider in cases involving
17 criminal trespass where a domestic animal is harmed or killed in
18 the course of the criminal trespass.

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20 Section 3. This amendatory act shall be known and may be
21 cited as Cash's Law.

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