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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 2256 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY PUGH, GREINER, OLSOMMER, HANBIDGE, BENNINGHOFF AND  
ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in theft and related offenses, further  
3 providing for grading of theft offenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3903(a.1) and (d) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 3903. Grading of theft offenses.

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10 (a.1) Felony of the third degree.--Except as provided in  
11 subsection (a) or (a.2), theft constitutes a felony of the third  
12 degree if the amount involved exceeds \$2,000, or if the property  
13 stolen is an automobile, airplane, motorcycle, motorboat or  
14 other motor-propelled vehicle, or if the property stolen or  
15 disposed of, in any manner, is human remains, or in the case of  
16 theft by receiving stolen property, if the receiver is in the  
17 business of buying or selling stolen property.

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1 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
3 subsection:

4 "Human remains." Any part of a dead human body, the cremated  
5 remains of a dead human body or any other remains of a dead  
6 human body.

7 "Manmade disaster." Any industrial, nuclear or  
8 transportation accident, explosion, conflagration, power  
9 failure, natural resource shortage or other condition, except  
10 enemy action, resulting from manmade causes, such as oil spills  
11 and other injurious environmental contamination, which threatens  
12 or causes substantial damage to property, human suffering,  
13 hardship or loss of life.

14 "Natural disaster." Any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood,  
15 high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake,  
16 landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion or  
17 other catastrophe which results in substantial damage to  
18 property, hardship, suffering or possible loss of life.

19 "War-caused disaster." Any condition following an attack  
20 upon the United States resulting in substantial damage to  
21 property or injury to persons in the United States caused by use  
22 of bombs, missiles, shellfire, nuclear, radiological, chemical  
23 or biological means, or other weapons or overt paramilitary  
24 actions, or other conditions such as sabotage.

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