
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1396 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD AND O'BRIEN, JUNE 24, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 24, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, further providing for
3 the offense of posting advertisements on property of another.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6503. Posting advertisements on property of another.

9 (a) [Offense] Offenses defined.--

10 (1) A person [is guilty of] commits a summary offense if
11 he pastes, paints, brands or stamps or in any manner
12 whatsoever places upon or attaches to any building, fence,
13 bridge, gate, outbuilding or other object, upon the grounds
14 of any charitable, educational or penal institution of the
15 Commonwealth, or upon any property belonging to the
16 Commonwealth government, any political subdivision, or
17 municipal or local authority, any written, printed, painted
18 or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign or poster, or
19 pastes, paints, brands, stamps or in any manner whatsoever

1 places upon, or attaches to any building, fence, bridge,
2 gate, outbuilding or property of another, whether within or
3 without the limits of a highway, any written, printed,
4 painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, card or
5 poster, without first having obtained the written consent of
6 the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy
7 thereof.

8 (2) (i) A person commits a summary offense if he causes
9 any unsolicited newspaper, magazine, advertising
10 circular, handbill, flyer, advertising supplement,
11 coupon, leaflet, pamphlet or other related material to be
12 deposited into or upon the property of another within a
13 city of the first class.

14 (ii) The advertising materials of scientific,
15 charitable, religious, educational or literary
16 institutions are not exempt from this paragraph.

17 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) of this section shall not
18 prevent the posting or placing of any notice required by law or
19 order of court, nor to prevent the posting or placing of any
20 notice particularly concerning or pertaining to premises upon
21 which the same is so posted or placed.

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