

No. 1988-29

AN ACT

HB 96

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," further providing for the penalties for destroying or damaging certain signs.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 2979 of the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P.L.662, No.164), is amended to read:

Section 2979. Penalties.—Any person who shall wilfully remove, deface, destroy or disregard any barricade, light, danger sign, detour sign, or signal, or warning of any other character whatsoever so *legally* erected or placed, or who shall drive on, over or across any street which has been closed by proper authority, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before a magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than **[twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars]** *two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for the first offense, and a mandatory fine of five hundred dollars for the second or any subsequent offense*, and the costs of prosecution *together with the value of the sign so removed, defaced or destroyed*, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall be **[imprisoned one day for each dollar up to ninety of fine and costs unpaid]** *sentenced to imprisonment of not more than ten days*: Provided, however, That persons who have no outlet due to the closing of a street may drive on, over or across such street, with the consent in writing of, and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by, the authorities responsible for the closing or their agents or contractors, without being subject to the penalties imposed by this section.

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

APPROVED—The 25th day of March, A. D. 1988.

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