

No. 272

AN ACT

HB 921

Amending the act of December 8, 1970 (P.L.874), entitled "An act to prohibit certain transactions relating to the infiltration of legitimate business by persons engaged in or connected with racketeering activities, providing remedies and imposing penalties," including certain crimes relating to extortionate and usurious credit transactions within the definition of "racketeering activity".

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

Section 1. Clause (1) of section 3, act of December 8, 1970 (P.L.874), known as "The Pennsylvania Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970," is amended to read:

Section 3. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) "Racketeering activity" means (A) any act which is indictable under any of the following provisions of the act of June 24, 1939 (P.L.872), known as "The Penal Code": section 303 (relating to bribery), section 304 (relating to corrupt solicitation), section 318 (relating to extortion), section 322 (relating to perjury), section 324 (relating to hindering witnesses), section 328 (relating to falsification of matters within jurisdiction of State agencies), sections 512, 513, and 515 through 517 (relating to prostitution), sections 601 through 609 (relating to gambling), sections 614 and 615 (relating to bribery in athletic contests), section 667 (relating to bribery of employes), sections 669 and 670 (relating to coercion and intimidation of employes), section 683 (relating to influencing officers of corporations, municipalities and public institutions), section 701 (relating to murder), sections 704 and 705 (relating to robbery), section 723 (relating to kidnapping), sections 801 through 806 (relating to blackmail), *sections 806.2 through 806.9 (relating to extortionate and usurious credit transactions)*, sections 817 through 819 (relating to receiving and transporting stolen property), sections 822 through 831 (relating to embezzlement), and sections 905 through 908 (relating to arson); (B) any offense indictable under section 20 (d) of the act of September 26, 1961 (P.L.1664), known as "The Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act" (relating to the sale and dispensing of narcotic drugs); or (C) any conspiracy to commit any of the offenses set forth in subclauses (A) and (B) of this clause. [; or (D) the collection of any money or other property in full or partial satisfaction of a debt which arose as the result of the lending of money or other property at a rate of interest exceeding twenty-five per cent per annum or the equivalent rate for a longer or shorter period, where not otherwise authorized by law] Any act which otherwise would be considered racketeering activity by reason of the application of this clause, shall not be excluded from its application solely because the operative acts took place outside

the jurisdiction of this Commonwealth, if such acts would have been in violation of the law of the jurisdiction in which they occurred.

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APPROVED—The 15th day of November, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 272.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.