

No. 1988-28

AN ACT

HB 95

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," further providing for the penalty for destroying or damaging certain signs.

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

Section 1. Section 2081 of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P.L.1955, No.569) and amended May 17, 1972 (P.L.299, No.77), is amended to read:

Section 2081. Penalty for Destroying.—It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, remove, injure, or deface any guidepost or sign or index board *legally* erected upon or near any street, highway or bridge by the authorities of any township, or *legally* erected with the consent of the authorities having jurisdiction over such street, highway or bridge, by any club, association, or other organized body, for the direction, guidance or safety of travelers. *It shall also be unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, remove, injure or deface any temporary traffic-control device legally erected for the purpose of enhancing traffic or worker safety in a construction or maintenance work zone, including, but not limited to, cones, batons, barrels, barricades, signs, sign trucks, arrow boards or other devices specified in a traffic safety plan approved by the township or the Department of Transportation.* Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than [ten dollars and not more than fifty 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,* with all costs of prosecution, together with the value of such sign so destroyed, removed, or defaced, and in default of such payment shall be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than ten days. Fines and moneys so collected shall be paid to the township treasurer.

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

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

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