

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 594 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, KENYATTA, MADDEN, PARKER, CIRESI, KIM, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, KINSEY, GALLAGHER, CEPHAS, M. BROWN, BRENNAN, PASHINSKI, ARMANINI AND TAKAC, MARCH 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 21, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation
 3 of vehicles, further providing for the offense of depositing
 4 waste and other material on highway, property or waters.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3709(d)(1) and (e)(2) of Title 75 of the
 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 3709. Depositing waste and other material on highway,
 10 property or waters.

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12 (d) Penalty.--Any person violating any of the provisions of
 13 subsection (a) or (b) commits a summary offense and shall, upon
 14 conviction, be sentenced to either or both of the following:

15 (1) To pay a fine of not more than:

16 (i) [\$900] \$1,100 for a violation which occurs in an
 17 easement purchased under the program established by
 18 section 14.1 of the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128,

1 No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law;

2 (ii) [~~\$600~~] \$800 for a violation which occurs in an
3 agricultural security area as defined in section 3 of the
4 Agricultural Area Security Law; or

5 (iii) [~~\$300~~] \$500 for a violation which occurs
6 anywhere else.

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8 (e) Disposition of fines, etc.--Revenue from the collection
9 of fines and bail forfeitures in the course of enforcement of
10 this section shall be distributed in the following manner:

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12 (2) One-half shall be allocated to the department for
13 Statewide public education and awareness programs to promote
14 litter control and recycling and awareness of the provisions
15 of this section. At least 5% of the amount allocated under
16 this paragraph shall be used for signage to be placed along
17 Pennsylvania roadways that notifies the public of littering
18 fines.

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