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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal
3 intrusion, providing for offenses relating to critical
4 infrastructure facilities; and imposing penalties.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 3506. Offenses relating to critical infrastructure
10 facilities.

11 (a) Trespass.--

12 (1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree
13 if the person willfully and knowingly trespasses or enters
14 property containing a critical infrastructure facility
15 without permission by the owner of the property or lawful
16 occupant.

17 (2) A person convicted of violating paragraph (1) shall
18 be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500 or to

1 imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than one
2 year, or both.

3 (3) Notwithstanding section 903 (relating to criminal
4 conspiracy), a person commits a misdemeanor of the third
5 degree if the person conspires with another person to commit
6 the offense of trespass against a critical infrastructure
7 facility in violation of this section.

8 (4) Notwithstanding section 905 (relating to grading of
9 criminal attempt, solicitation and conspiracy), a person
10 convicted of violating paragraph (3) shall be sentenced to
11 pay a fine of not less than \$5,000.

12 (5) A person commits a felony of the third degree if the
13 person willfully and knowingly trespasses or enters property
14 containing a critical infrastructure facility without
15 permission by the owner of the property or lawful occupant
16 with the intent to willfully damage, destroy, vandalize,
17 deface, tamper with equipment or impede or inhibit operations
18 of the critical infrastructure facility.

19 (6) A person convicted of violating paragraph (5) shall
20 be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$1,000 or to
21 imprisonment in a State correctional facility for not less
22 than one year nor more than three years, or both.

23 (b) Vandalism.--

24 (1) A person commits a felony of the third degree if the
25 person:

26 (i) willfully damages, destroys, vandalizes, defaces
27 or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure
28 facility; or

29 (ii) notwithstanding section 903, conspires with
30 another person to willfully damage, destroy, vandalize,

1 deface or tamper with equipment in a critical
2 infrastructure facility.

3 (2) Grading for offenses under paragraph (1) shall be as
4 follows:

5 (i) A person convicted of violating paragraph (1)(i)
6 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$2,000
7 or to imprisonment in a State correctional facility for
8 not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.

9 (ii) Notwithstanding section 905, a person convicted
10 of violating paragraph (1)(ii) shall be sentenced to pay
11 a fine of not less than \$10,000.

12 (c) Civil liability.--An owner of a critical infrastructure
13 facility may file a cause of action in a court of competent
14 jurisdiction against a person who is arrested for or convicted
15 of an offense under this section for damages to personal or real
16 property, including damages to pipeline construction and pigging
17 stations.

18 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
20 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Critical infrastructure facility." Systems and assets,
22 whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States or
23 the Commonwealth that the incapacity or destruction of the
24 systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security,
25 national economic security, State economic security, national
26 public health or safety, State public health or safety or any
27 combination of those matters, whether the systems or assets are
28 in operation or are under construction. The term includes the
29 following, if completely enclosed by a fence or other physical
30 barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders or if

1 clearly marked with a sign that is posted on the property that
2 is reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders and
3 indicates that entry is forbidden without site authorization:

4 (1) A petroleum or alumina refinery.

5 (2) An electrical power generating facility, substation,
6 switching station, electrical control center or electric
7 power lines and associated equipment infrastructure.

8 (3) A chemical, polymer or rubber manufacturing
9 facility.

10 (4) A water intake structure, water treatment facility,
11 wastewater treatment plant, pump station or finished water
12 storage facility.

13 (5) A natural gas compressor station.

14 (6) A liquid natural gas terminal or storage facility.

15 (7) Wireline and wireless telecommunications
16 infrastructure.

17 (8) A port, railroad switching yard, trucking terminal
18 or other freight transportation facility.

19 (9) A gas processing plant, including a plant used in
20 the processing, treatment or fractionation of natural gas or
21 natural gas liquids.

22 (10) A transmission facility used by a federally
23 licensed radio or television station.

24 (11) A steelmaking facility that uses an electric arc
25 furnace to make steel.

26 (12) A facility identified and regulated by the United
27 States Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility
28 Anti-Terrorism Standards program.

29 (13) A dam that is regulated by the Federal or State
30 Government.

1 (14) A natural gas distribution utility facility,
2 including pipeline interconnections, a city gate or town
3 border station, metering station, below or above-ground
4 pipeline or piping and truck loading or offloading facility,
5 a natural gas storage facility, a natural gas transmission
6 facility or a natural gas utility distribution facility.

7 (15) A crude oil or refined products storage and
8 distribution facility, including valve sites, pipeline
9 interconnections, pump station, metering station, below or
10 above-ground pipeline or piping and truck loading or
11 offloading facility.

12 (16) An above-ground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous
13 liquid or chemical pipeline, tank or other storage facility.

14 (17) Natural gas well pads and production facilities.

15 (18) A broadband fiber cable facility.

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