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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 962 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, ARGALL, COSTA AND RAFFERTY,  
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REFERRED TO URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and  
3 revitalization, further providing for failure to comply with  
4 a code requirement.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6115(b) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
9 § 6115. Failure to comply with a code requirement.

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11 (b) Grading.--Failure to comply with a code requirement  
12 shall constitute a:

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14 (3) Where the property owner received funding for  
15 construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of that  
16 property through any program administered by a State agency  
17 or State authority:

18 (i) Misdemeanor of the first degree if the offense  
19 is a second conviction of a serious violation of the same

1 provision of a municipal code relating to the same  
2 property. In addition to any other penalty, a \$5,000 fine  
3 shall be imposed for every offense under this  
4 subparagraph.

5 (ii) Felony of the third degree if the offense is a  
6 third conviction of a serious violation of the same  
7 provision of a municipal code relating to the same  
8 property. In addition to any other penalty, a \$10,000  
9 fine shall be imposed for every offense under this  
10 subparagraph.

11 (iii) Felony of the third degree if the offense is a  
12 fourth conviction of a serious violation of the same  
13 provision of a municipal code relating to the same  
14 property. In addition to any other penalty, a \$15,000  
15 fine shall be imposed for every offense under this  
16 subparagraph.

17 (iv) Felony of the third degree if the offense is a  
18 fifth or greater conviction of a serious violation of the  
19 same provision of a municipal code relating to the same  
20 property. In addition to any other penalty, a \$20,000  
21 fine shall be imposed for every offense under this  
22 subparagraph.

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