



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1062 Printer's No. 1400

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rafferty
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Section 3502 of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to provide for heightened penalties for home invasion burglaries when a person commits, attempts or threatens to commit a bodily injury crime.

SUMMARY:

The bill adds to the traditional definition of burglary the offense of entering a structure that is adapted for overnight accommodations when a person is present and committing, attempting, or threatening to commit a bodily injury crime in that structure.

The penalty provided for this offense shall be the greater of forty years in prison or the mandatory maximum sentence that may be imposed under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9714(a.1) (relating to sentences for second or subsequent offenses).

The bill defines "bodily injury crime" to include violations of any protective order or an act, attempt, or threat to commit criminal homicide, assault, kidnapping, sexual offenses, arson, robbery, or victim and witness intimidation.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This bill is effective in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

None.

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