



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
|| BILL SUMMARY

**Senate Bill 854**  
**Printer's No. 1118**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Greenleaf  
Committee: Judiciary

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**SYNOPSIS:**

This bill amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to remove the offense of interference with custody of children from the Tier I sexual offenses for which an offender must register with the Pennsylvania State Police.

**SUMMARY:**

Removes offenses under Section 2904 of Title 18 (relating to interference with custody of children) from the Tier I sexual offenses listed in Section 9799.14 of Title 42 (relating to sexual offenses and tier system).

**COMMENT:**

A person commits the offense of interference with custody of children if he knowingly or recklessly takes or entices any child under the age of 18 years from the custody of its parent, guardian or other lawful custodian, when he has no privilege to do so. It is a defense that the person believed that his action was necessary to save the child from danger, that the child was at least 14 years old and was taken away at the instigation of the child, or that the person is the child's parent and was not acting in violation of a court order.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective in 60 days.

**BILL HISTORY:**

None.

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