



# SENATE URBAN AFFAIRS & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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## Bill Summary

Bill Number: Senate Bill 1242, P.N. 1771

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ward

### **Synopsis**

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for failure to comply with a code requirement.

### **Bill Summary**

Senate Bill 1242 adds criminal penalties for property owners who fail to comply with municipal building codes.

Property owners will be subject to a second degree misdemeanor charge, carrying a minimum of 10 days of imprisonment, no less than 6 months of probation and a fine of \$1,000 or greater, if all of the following offenses are committed:

- Property owner is convicted of a second serious violation of the same provision of a municipal building code of the same property.
- The violation is a threat to public safety or health.
- The property owner has not made a reasonable attempt to correct the violation.

Property owners will be subject to a first degree misdemeanor charge, carrying a minimum of 30 days of imprisonment, no less than 12 months of probation and subject to a fine of \$3,000 or greater, if all of the following offenses are committed:

- Property owner is convicted of a third serious violation of the same provision of a municipal building code of the same property.
- The violation is a threat to public safety or health.
- The property owner has not made a reasonable attempt to correct the violation.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.