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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2730 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY METZGAR, RAPP, IRVIN, WATSON, REESE, SNYDER,  
BURNS, GROVE, B. O'NEILL, BERNSTINE, TOPPER, A. HARRIS,  
MILLARD, HANNA, DOWLING, DeLUCA, SAYLOR, WARD, GOODMAN,  
MARSHALL, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SANKEY, GILLEN, MASSER AND DUSH,  
OCTOBER 17, 2018

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 17, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the  
3 offense of assault by prisoner.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2703(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 2703. Assault by prisoner.

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11 (a.1) Penalties.--A person convicted under subsection (a) or  
12 section 2702(a) (relating to aggravated assault) where the  
13 victim is a detention facility or correctional facility employee  
14 shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not less than  
15 five years and to pay a fine of \$5,000 against the inmate's  
16 account under 61 Pa.C.S. § 3124 (relating to inmates accounts).

17 (b) Consecutive sentences.--The court shall order that any

1 sentence imposed for a violation of subsection (a), or any  
2 sentence imposed for a violation of section 2702(a) [(relating  
3 to aggravated assault)] where the victim is a detention facility  
4 or correctional facility employee, be served consecutively with  
5 the person's current sentence.

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