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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, McNEILL, SHUSTERMAN, ISAACSON, MADDEN,  
SANCHEZ, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, DELLOSO, HOWARD, KENYATTA AND  
GUENST, OCTOBER 27, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, providing for whistleblower protection and  
4 further providing for nonapplicability of subchapter.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5557.1. Whistleblower protection.

10 An employee of a business, nonprofit entity or government  
11 entity subject to this subchapter shall be deemed to be an  
12 employee under the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169),  
13 known as the Whistleblower Law, with regard to a good faith  
14 report of a potential violation of this subchapter. A business,  
15 nonprofit entity or government entity subject to this act shall  
16 be deemed to be an employer under the Whistleblower Law with  
17 regard to a good faith report of a potential violation of this  
18 subchapter.

1 Section 2. Section 5561(b)(6) introductory paragraph of  
2 Title 18 is amended to read:

3 § 5561. Nonapplicability of subchapter.

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5 (b) Exemptions.--The provisions of this subchapter shall not  
6 apply to the following:

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8 (6) Conduct to animals actively involved in a bona fide  
9 scientific or medical research that is lawful under the laws  
10 of the United States or this Commonwealth relating to  
11 activities undertaken by a research facility that is one of  
12 the following:

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.