
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 607 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN, CIRESI, FLEMING,
GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, MADDEN, McNEILL, PROBST, SANCHEZ
AND WEBSTER, MARCH 21, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 21, 2023

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 concurrent jurisdiction to
4 prosecute.

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 § 5562. Concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.

10 In addition to the authority conferred upon the Attorney
11 General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known
12 as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the Attorney General shall
13 have the authority to investigate and institute criminal
14 proceedings for a felony offense under this subchapter if the
15 Attorney General requests in writing to prosecute the felony
16 offense under this subchapter in a criminal court or juvenile
17 delinquency court and:

18 (1) the district attorney with jurisdiction over the

1 prosecution of the felony offense accepts the request in
2 writing; or

3 (2) all of the following occur:

4 (i) the district attorney with jurisdiction over the
5 prosecution of the felony offense fails to respond to the
6 request within 90 days of the date of the request;

7 (ii) the Attorney General sends a subsequent written
8 request by certified or registered mail to the district
9 attorney; and

10 (iii) the district attorney fails to respond to the
11 subsequent request within 10 days of the date of the
12 subsequent request.

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