
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WARD, SAYLOR, HICKERNELL, MACKENZIE, B. MILLER, MILNE,
MENTZER, FEE, MOUL AND RADER, MARCH 28, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for first
3 responder intimidation.

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

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

8 § 2710.1. First responder intimidation.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
10 identity intimidation if, with malicious intention, the person
11 commits an offense under any other provision of this chapter or
12 under Chapter 33 (relating to arson, criminal mischief and other
13 property destruction) exclusive of section 3307 (relating to
14 institutional vandalism) or under section 3503 (relating to
15 criminal trespass) with respect to the individual or the
16 individual's property or with respect to one or more members of
17 the group or to the member's property.

1 (b) Grading.--

2 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), an offense
3 under this section shall be classified as a misdemeanor of
4 the third degree if the other offense is classified as a
5 summary offense.

6 (2) An offense under this section shall be classified
7 one degree higher in the classification specified in section
8 106 (relating to classes of offenses) than the classification
9 of the other offense.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Emergency medical services provider." The term shall have
14 the same meaning as provided under 35 Pa.C.S. § 8103 (relating
15 to definitions).

16 "Firefighter." A professional or volunteer firefighter.

17 "Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same
18 meaning as the term "peace officer" under section 501 (relating
19 to definitions).

20 "Malicious intention." The intention to commit an act, the
21 commission of which is a necessary element of an offense
22 referred to under subsection (a) motivated by hatred toward the
23 employment as a law enforcement officer, firefighter or
24 emergency medical service provider of another individual or
25 group of individuals.

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