
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, BROWNE, WHITE, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH AND
EICHELBERGER, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for duty of witness of
3 violent offense; and imposing a penalty.

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 § 306.1. Duty of witness of violent offense.

9 (a) General rule.--A person who witnesses the actual
10 commission of a violent offense shall, to the extent that the
11 person can do so without danger to himself or others, report the
12 violent offense to law enforcement as soon as reasonably
13 possible.

14 (b) Method of notification.--The duty to notify under this
15 section is met if a person notifies or attempts to provide law
16 enforcement the notice by telephone or any other means as soon
17 as reasonably possible.

18 (c) Penalty.--A person who fails to provide notification as

1 required by subsection (a) commits a misdemeanor of the third
2 degree.

3 (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "violent
4 offense" means any of the following:

5 (1) Murder of the first, second or third degree.

6 (2) Voluntary manslaughter.

7 (3) Aggravated assault as defined in section 2702(a)(1)
8 or (2) (relating to aggravated assault).

9 (4) Rape.

10 (5) Involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

11 (6) Aggravated indecent assault.

12 (7) Incest.

13 (8) Sexual assault.

14 (9) Arson as defined in section 3301(a) (relating to
15 arson and related offenses).

16 (10) Kidnapping.

17 (11) Burglary as defined in section 3502 (relating to
18 burglary).

19 (12) An attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit
20 any of the offenses listed in this subsection.

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