

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 487 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY SIMMONS, TOOHL, CHRISTIANA, BOBACK, RYAN, STAATS, BAKER, IRVIN, PICKETT, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, MILLARD, WATSON, MACKENZIE, KAUFFMAN, A. HARRIS, BENNINGHOFF, NEILSON, D. COSTA, B. MILLER, GABLER, DEASY AND READSHAW, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family,
 3 further providing for concealing death of child.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4303(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
 8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 4303. Concealing death of child.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor
 11 of the first degree] felony of the third degree if he or she as
 12 a parent, individual residing in the same household as the child
 13 or an individual responsible for the child's welfare endeavors
 14 privately, either alone or by the procurement of others, to
 15 conceal the death of [his or her] the child, so that it may not
 16 come to light, whether it was born dead or alive or whether it
 17 was murdered or not.

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2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, "parent" means a
3 natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, guardian or an
4 individual involved in an intimate relationship with the child's
5 parent.

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