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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, ARGALL, BARRAR, CALTAGIRONE, EGOLF,
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TULLI, WASHINGTON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD,
FEBRUARY 14, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and
2 Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, further providing for sentencing for involuntary
4 manslaughter.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2504(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2504. Involuntary manslaughter.

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11 (b) Grading.--Involuntary manslaughter is a misdemeanor of
12 the first degree. Where the victim is under 12 years of age and
13 is in the care, custody or control of the person who caused the
14 death, involuntary manslaughter is a felony of the [second]
15 first degree.

16 Section 2. Section 9718(a) of Title 42 is amended by adding
17 a paragraph to read:

1 § 9718. Sentences for offenses against infant persons.

2 (a) Mandatory sentence.--

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4 (3) A person convicted of involuntary manslaughter when
5 the victim is under 12 years of age shall be sentenced to a
6 mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than seven years.

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8 Section 3. The amendment or addition of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2504(b)
9 and 42 Pa.C.S. § 9718(a)(3) shall apply to offenses committed on
10 or after the effective date of this section.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.