

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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DENLINGER, HENNESSEY, HESS, ARMSTRONG AND GRUCELA,
JULY 6, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 6, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disorderly
3 conduct.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5503(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5503. Disorderly conduct.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of disorderly
10 conduct if, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance
11 or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he:

12 (1) engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent or
13 tumultuous behavior;

14 (2) makes unreasonable noise;

15 (3) uses obscene language, or makes an obscene gesture;

16 [or]

17 (3.1) uses offensively course language or makes an

1 offensively coarse gesture to a public employee, police
2 officer, firefighter or emergency services worker while in
3 the performance of their duties; or

4 (4) creates a hazardous or physically offensive
5 condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of
6 the actor.

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