

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2009

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, BROWN, PAYTON AND CRUZ,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation,
3 further providing for the offense of false reports to law
4 enforcement authorities.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4906(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended, subsection (c) is amended by
9 adding a paragraph and the section is amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 § 4906. False reports to law enforcement authorities.

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13 (b) Fictitious reports.--Except as provided in subsection
14 (c), a person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if [he]
15 the person:

16 (1) reports to law enforcement authorities an offense or
17 other incident within [their] the person's concern knowing
18 that it did not occur; or

19 (2) pretends to furnish such authorities with

1 information relating to an offense or incident when [he] the
2 person knows [he] the person has no information relating to
3 such offense or incident.

4 (c) Grading.--

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6 (3) If the violation of subsection (a) or (b) relates to
7 a false report that was made with the intent to maliciously
8 discredit a specific race, color, religion, national origin,
9 ethnicity or gender, the offense shall be graded one step
10 greater than that set forth in the applicable subsection.

11 (d) Restitution.--In addition to any other penalty
12 authorized by law, a person who violates this section shall,
13 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay restitution to any law
14 enforcement agency equal to the amount of services provided by
15 the law enforcement authority to investigate the false report.

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