
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SACCONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, TALLMAN AND WATSON,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for concealing death
3 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 endeavors privately, either alone or by the procurement
13 of others, to conceal the death of his or her child, so that it
14 may not come to light, whether it was born dead or alive or
15 whether it was murdered or not.

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2 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
3 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
4 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Parent." A natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent,
6 guardian or custodian of a child.

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