

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 27 Session of 2013

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 18, 2013

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 2709(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania <--
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 SECTION 1. SECTION 2709(C) AND (F) OF TITLE 18 OF THE <--
9 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

10 § 2709. Harassment.

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12 (c) Grading.--

13 [(1) An offense under subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3)
14 shall constitute a summary offense.

15 (2) (i) An offense under subsection (a)(4), (5), (6) or
16 (7) shall constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree.]

1           (1) Except as provided under paragraph (3), an offense  
2 under subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) shall constitute a  
3 summary offense.

4           (2) An offense under subsection (a)(4), (5), (6) or (7)  
5 shall constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree.

6           (3) The grading of an offense under subsection (a)(1)  
7 or, (2) OR (3) shall be enhanced one degree if the person is <--  
8 in violation of an order issued under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108  
9 (relating to relief). HAS PREVIOUSLY VIOLATED AN ORDER ISSUED <--  
10 UNDER 23 PA.C.S. § 6108 (RELATING TO RELIEF) INVOLVING THE  
11 SAME VICTIM, FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

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13           (F) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING       <--  
14 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS  
15 SUBSECTION:

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17           "FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER." SPOUSES OR PERSONS WHO HAVE  
18 BEEN SPOUSES, PERSONS LIVING AS SPOUSES OR WHO LIVED AS SPOUSES,  
19 PARENTS AND CHILDREN, OTHER PERSONS RELATED BY CONSANGUINITY OR  
20 AFFINITY, CURRENT OR FORMER SEXUAL OR INTIMATE PARTNERS OR  
21 PERSONS WHO SHARE BIOLOGICAL PARENTHOOD.

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