

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY SCRIMENTI, BELARDI, PISTELLA, TIGUE, SOLOBAY,  
M. COHEN, BELFANTI, HARHAI AND COSTA, MAY 11, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 11, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the grading of  
3 the crime of retaliation against prosecutor or judicial  
4 official.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4953.1(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes, added December 21, 1998 (P.L. ,  
9 No.159), is amended to read:

10 § 4953.1. Retaliation against prosecutor or judicial official.

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12 (b) Grading.--The offense is a felony of the second degree  
13 if any of the following apply:

14 (1) The actor employs force, violence or deception, or  
15 attempts or threatens to employ force, violence or deception,  
16 upon the prosecutor or judicial official [or, with the  
17 requisite intent or knowledge, upon any other person].

18 (2) The actor's conduct is in furtherance of a

1 conspiracy to retaliate against a prosecutor or judicial  
2 official.

3 (3) The actor solicits another to or accepts or agrees  
4 to accept any pecuniary or other benefit to retaliate against  
5 a prosecutor or judicial official.

6 (4) The actor has suffered any prior conviction for any  
7 violation of this title or any predecessor law hereto, or has  
8 been convicted, under any Federal statute or statute of any  
9 other state, of an act which would be a violation of this  
10 title if committed in this Commonwealth.

11 (5) The actor causes property damage or loss in excess  
12 of \$1,000.

13 Otherwise the offense is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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