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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further defining "abuse."

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

5 Section 1. The definition of "abuse" in section 6102(a) of  
6 Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to  
7 read:

8 § 6102. Definitions.

9 (a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used  
10 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this  
11 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Abuse." The occurrence of one or more of the following acts  
13 between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners  
14 or persons who share biological parenthood:

15 (1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or  
16 recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury,  
17 rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault,

1 statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault,  
2 indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon.

3 (2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent  
4 serious bodily injury.

5 (3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18  
6 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).

7 (4) Physically or sexually abusing minor children,  
8 including such terms as defined in Chapter 63 (relating to  
9 child protective services).

10 (5) Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or  
11 repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including  
12 following the person, without proper authority, under  
13 circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of  
14 bodily injury. The definition of this paragraph applies only  
15 to proceedings commenced under this title and is inapplicable  
16 to any criminal prosecutions commenced under Title 18  
17 (relating to crimes and offenses).

18 (6) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or  
19 recklessly causing injury by means of mental or psychological  
20 intimidation.

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