

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 961

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of
4 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in culpability,
5 further providing for causal relationship between conduct and
6 result; in criminal homicide, further providing for the
7 offense of murder; in miscellaneous provisions, further
8 providing for the offenses of homicide by vehicle, aggravated
9 assault by vehicle, homicide by vehicle while driving under
10 influence and aggravated assault by vehicle while driving
11 under the influence; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol
12 or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading.

13 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 19; page 2, lines 1
14 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 23; by striking out all of
15 said lines on said pages and inserting

16 Section 1. Sections 303(c) and 2502(c) of Title 18 of the
17 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

18 § 303. Causal relationship between conduct and result.

19 * * *

20 (c) Divergence between probable and actual result.--When
21 recklessly or negligently causing a particular result is an
22 element of an offense, the element is not established if the
23 actual result is not within the risk of which the actor is aware
24 or, in the case of negligence, of which he should be aware
25 unless:

26 (1) the actual result differs from the probable result
27 only in the respect that a different person or different
28 property is injured or affected or that the probable injury
29 or harm would have been more serious or more extensive than
30 that caused; [or]

31 (2) the actual result involves the same kind of injury
32 or harm as the probable result and is not too remote or
33 accidental in its occurrence to have a bearing on the
34 liability of the actor or on the gravity of his offense[.];

35 or

1 (3) the actual result involves the death of a person
2 caused by the actor committing an offense under section
3 2502(c)(2) (relating to murder), in which case the element of
4 recklessly or negligently causing the death of the person
5 shall be presumed.

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7 § 2502. Murder.

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9 (c) Murder of the third degree.--

10 (1) All other kinds of murder shall be murder of the
11 third degree. Murder of the third degree is a felony of the
12 first degree.

13 (2) This subsection applies to murder of an individual
14 killed as a result of an offense committed under 75 Pa.C.S. §
15 3803(a)(3) (relating to grading).

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17 Section 2. Sections 3732(b), 3732.1(b) and 3735(a) of Title
18 75 are amended to read:

19 § 3732. Homicide by vehicle.

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21 (b) Sentencing.--

22 (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a
23 person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) may be
24 sentenced to an additional term not to exceed five years'
25 confinement if at trial the prosecution proves beyond a
26 reasonable doubt that the offense occurred in an active work
27 zone.

28 (1.1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law,
29 a person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) [as the
30 result of a violation of section] who is also convicted of a
31 violation of section 1501 (relating to drivers required to be
32 licensed), 1543 (relating to driving while operating
33 privilege is suspended or revoked), 3316 (relating to
34 prohibiting text-based communications), 3325 (relating to
35 duty of driver on approach of emergency vehicle) or 3327
36 (relating to duty of driver in emergency response areas) [and
37 who is convicted of violating section 3316, 3325 or 3327] may
38 be sentenced to an additional term not to exceed five years'
39 confinement [when the violation resulted in death].

40 (2) The prosecution must indicate intent to proceed
41 under this section in the indictment or information which
42 commences the prosecution.

43 (3) The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, pursuant
44 to 42 Pa.C.S. § 2154 (relating to adoption of guidelines for
45 sentencing), shall provide for a sentencing enhancement for
46 an offense under this section when the violation occurred in
47 an active work zone or [was the result of a violation of
48 section] the individual was also convicted of a violation of
49 section 1501, 1543, 3316, 3325 or 3327.

50 § 3732.1. Aggravated assault by vehicle.

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1 (b) Sentencing.--

2 (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a
3 person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) may be
4 sentenced to an additional term not to exceed two years'
5 confinement if at trial the prosecution proves beyond a
6 reasonable doubt that the offense occurred in an active work
7 zone.

8 (2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a
9 person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) [as the
10 result of a violation of section] who is also convicted of a
11 violation of section 1501 (relating to drivers required to be
12 licensed), 1543 (relating to driving while operating
13 privilege is suspended or revoked), 3316 (relating to
14 prohibiting text-based communications), 3325 (relating to
15 duty of driver on approach of emergency vehicle) or 3327
16 (relating to duty of driver in emergency response areas) [and
17 who is convicted of violating section 3316, 3325 or 3327] may
18 be sentenced to an additional term not to exceed two years'
19 confinement [when the violation resulted in serious bodily
20 injury].

21 (3) The prosecution must indicate intent to proceed
22 under this section in the indictment or information which
23 commences the prosecution.

24 (4) The Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, under 42
25 Pa.C.S. § 2154 (relating to adoption of guidelines for
26 sentencing), shall provide for a sentencing enhancement for
27 an offense under this section when the violation occurred in
28 an active work zone or [was the result of a violation of
29 section] the individual was also convicted of a violation of
30 section 1501, 1543, 3316, 3325 or 3327.

31 § 3735. Homicide by vehicle while driving under influence.

32 (a) Offense defined.--[Any person who unintentionally causes
33 the death of another person as the result of a violation of
34 section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or
35 controlled substance) and who is convicted of violating section
36 3802 is guilty of a felony of the second degree when the
37 violation is the cause of death and the sentencing court shall
38 order the person to serve a minimum term of imprisonment of not
39 less than three years. A consecutive three-year term of
40 imprisonment shall be imposed for each victim whose death is the
41 result of the violation of section 3802.]

42 (1) A person who unintentionally causes the death of
43 another person as the result of a violation of section 3802
44 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled
45 substance) and who is convicted of violating section 3802:

- 46 (i) is guilty of a felony of the second degree; or
47 (ii) is guilty of a felony of the first degree if,
48 before sentencing on the present violation, the person
49 has incurred a conviction, adjudication of delinquency,
50 juvenile consent decree, acceptance of Accelerated
51 Rehabilitative Disposition or other form of preliminary

1 disposition for any of the following:

2 (A) An offense under section 3802.

3 (B) An offense under former section 3731
4 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or
5 controlled substance).

6 (C) An offense which constitutes a felony under
7 this subchapter.

8 (D) An offense substantially similar to an
9 offense under clause (A), (B) or (C) in another
10 jurisdiction.

11 (E) Any combination of the offenses under clause
12 (A), (B), (C) or (D).

13 (2) The sentencing court shall order a person convicted
14 under paragraph (1)(i) to serve a minimum term of
15 imprisonment of not less than three years. A consecutive
16 three-year term of imprisonment shall be imposed for each
17 victim whose death is the result of a violation of section
18 3802.

19 (3) The sentencing court shall order a person convicted
20 under paragraph (1)(ii) to serve a minimum term of
21 imprisonment of:

22 (i) Not less than five years if, before sentencing
23 on the present violation, the person has incurred one or
24 two convictions, adjudications of delinquency, juvenile
25 consent decrees, acceptances of Accelerated
26 Rehabilitative Disposition or other forms of preliminary
27 disposition for any of the offenses listed under
28 paragraph (1)(ii)(A), (B), (C), (D) or (E). A consecutive
29 five-year term of imprisonment shall be imposed for each
30 victim whose death is the result of a violation of
31 section 3802.

32 (ii) Not less than seven years if, before sentencing
33 on the present violation, the person has incurred at
34 least three convictions, adjudications of delinquency,
35 juvenile consent decrees, acceptances of Accelerated
36 Rehabilitative Disposition or other forms of preliminary
37 disposition for any of the offenses listed under
38 paragraph (1)(ii)(A), (B), (C), (D) or (E). A consecutive
39 seven-year term of imprisonment shall be imposed for each
40 victim whose death is the result of a violation of
41 section 3802.

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43 Section 3. Section 3735.1 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
44 subsection to read:

45 § 3735.1. Aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the
46 influence.

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48 (a.1) Sentencing.--In addition to any other penalty provided
49 by law, a person convicted of a violation of subsection (a) and
50 a violation of section 1501 (relating to drivers required to be
51 licensed) or 1543 (relating to driving while operating privilege

1 is suspended or revoked) when committed at the same time and
2 place may be sentenced to an additional term not to exceed two
3 years' confinement.

4 Section 4. Section 3803(a) and (b) of Title 75 are amended
5 to read:

6 § 3803. Grading.

7 (a) Basic offenses.--Except as provided in subsection (b):

8 (1) An individual who violates section 3802(a) (relating
9 to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled
10 substance) and has no more than one prior offense commits a
11 misdemeanor for which the individual may be sentenced to a
12 term of imprisonment of not more than six months and to pay a
13 fine under section 3804 (relating to penalties).

14 (2) An individual who violates section 3802(a) and has
15 more than one prior offense commits a misdemeanor of the
16 second degree[.], unless paragraph (3) applies.

17 (3) An individual who violates section 3802 and has more
18 than two prior offenses within a 10-year period commits a
19 felony of the third degree.

20 (b) Other offenses.--

21 (1) An individual who violates section 3802(a)(1) where
22 there was an accident resulting in bodily injury, serious
23 bodily injury or death of any person or in damage to a
24 vehicle or other property, or who violates section 3802(b),
25 (e) or (f) and who has no more than one prior offense commits
26 a misdemeanor for which the individual may be sentenced to a
27 term of imprisonment of not more than six months and to pay a
28 fine under section 3804.

29 (2) An individual who violates section 3802(a)(1) where
30 the individual refused testing of [blood or] breath or
31 chemical testing pursuant to a valid search warrant, court
32 order or any other basis permissible by the Constitution of
33 the United States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or
34 who violates section 3802(c) or (d) and who has no prior
35 offenses commits a misdemeanor for which the individual may
36 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six
37 months and to pay a fine under section 3804.

38 (3) An individual who violates section 3802(a)(1) where
39 there was an accident resulting in bodily injury, serious
40 bodily injury or death of any person or in damage to a
41 vehicle or other property, or who violates section 3802(b),
42 (e) or (f) and who has more than one prior offense commits a
43 misdemeanor of the first degree.

44 (4) An individual who violates section 3802(a)(1) where
45 the individual refused testing of [blood or] breath or
46 chemical testing pursuant to a valid search warrant, court
47 order or any other basis permissible by the Constitution of
48 the United States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or
49 who violates section 3802(c) or (d) and who has one [or more]
50 prior offenses commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

51 (4.1) An individual who violates section 3802(a)(1)

1 where the individual refused testing of breath or chemical
2 testing pursuant to a valid search warrant, court order or
3 any other basis permissible by the Constitution of the United
4 States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or who violates
5 section 3802(c) or (d) and who has more than one prior
6 offense commits a felony of the third degree.

7 (5) An individual who violates section 3802 where a
8 minor under 18 years of age was an occupant in the vehicle
9 when the violation occurred commits a misdemeanor of the
10 first degree.

11 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.