

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in abortion, further providing for
3 prohibition against cooperation with out-of-State abortion
4 investigations.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 3208.2. Prohibition against cooperation with out-of-State
10 abortion investigations.

11 (a) General rule.--The applicable individuals and entities
12 in subsection (b) may not provide any information nor expend or
13 use time, money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel or
14 other resources in furtherance of any interstate investigation
15 or proceeding seeking to impose civil or criminal liability upon
16 an individual or entity for:

17 (1) The provision, seeking or receipt of or inquiring
18 about abortion or its related activity, that is legal in this

1 Commonwealth.

2 (2) Assisting an individual or entity providing,
3 seeking, receiving or responding to an inquiry about abortion
4 and its related activity, that is legal in this Commonwealth.

5 (b) Applicable individuals and entities.--The prohibition
6 contained in subsection (a) shall apply to the following
7 individuals and entities:

8 (1) A Commonwealth government entity.

9 (2) A law enforcement agency.

10 (3) A peace officer.

11 (4) A political subdivision of the Commonwealth or a
12 municipal or any other local authority, including its
13 officers, agencies, employees and contractors.

14 (c) Exception.--This section does not apply to an
15 investigation or proceeding if the conduct of the investigation
16 or proceeding would be a violation of the laws of this
17 Commonwealth.

18 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
20 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Commonwealth government entity." Commonwealth government as
22 that term is defined in 2 Pa.C.S. § 101 (relating to
23 definitions).

24 "Law enforcement agency." Any of the following:

25 (1) The Pennsylvania State Police.

26 (2) The Capitol Police.

27 (3) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

28 (4) An airport authority police department.

29 (5) A county park police force under section 2511(b) of
30 the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The

1 County Code.

2 (6) A public agency of a political subdivision having
3 general police powers and charged with making arrests in
4 connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic
5 laws, including the sheriff's office in a county of the
6 second class.

7 (7) A campus police or university police department.

8 (8) A railroad or street railway police department.

9 (9) Any other individual or entity engaged in a law
10 enforcement action.

11 "Peace officer." As defined in section 501 (relating to
12 definitions).

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