AN ACT

Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals," in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies.

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

Section 1.  Section 212 of the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 212.  Responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies.

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(h) Release of identification.--

(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a law enforcement agency shall make a reasonable effort to contact a surviving family member of a direct victim of murder or
intervenor before publicly releasing the identification of
the direct victim or intervenor.

(2) A law enforcement agency may publicly release the
identification of a direct victim of murder or intervenor
without notification of the death to a surviving family
member if the release is necessary for the investigation of
the murder.

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