

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2272 Session of
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CORRIGAN AND WALKO, FEBRUARY 15, 2000

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 15, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retaliation
3 against witness or victim.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4953 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4953. Retaliation against a party, witness or victim.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if he
10 harms another by any unlawful act or by engaging in a course of
11 conduct or repeatedly committing acts which alarm or seriously
12 annoy the victim in retaliation for anything lawfully done in
13 the capacity of witness or victim or a party in a civil matter.

14 (b) Grading.--The offense is a felony of the third degree if
15 the retaliation is accomplished by any of the means specified in
16 section 4952(b)(1) through (5) (relating to intimidation of
17 witnesses or victims). Otherwise the offense is a misdemeanor of

1 the second degree.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.