
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2157 Session of
2005

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ZUG, OCTOBER 31, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 31, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for certain duty for
3 emergencies.

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

6 Section 1. Section 508 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 508. Active [State] duty for emergency.

9 (a) State duty.--The Governor may place the Pennsylvania
10 National Guard, or any part thereof, or when unavailable due to
11 call or order into the service of the United States, the
12 Pennsylvania Guard, or any part thereof, on active duty when an
13 emergency in this Commonwealth occurs or is threatened, or when
14 tumult, riot or disaster shall exist or is imminent.

1 (b) Emergency duty under compact.--The Governor may place
2 the Pennsylvania National Guard, or any part thereof, on State
3 active duty, or, when appropriate, federally funded duty under
4 32 U.S.C. (relating to National Guard), when the Governor of
5 another state has declared an emergency and has requested the
6 assistance of the Pennsylvania National Guard under the
7 provisions of Chapter 45 (relating to interstate compact) or 35
8 Pa.C.S. Ch. 76 (relating to emergency management assistance
9 compact).

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.