## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 584

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, COSTA, LAVALLE, KASUNIC, PIPPY, O'PAKE, LOGAN, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, MUSTO, TARTAGLIONE AND RAFFERTY, APRIL 1, 2005

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 1, 2005

## AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of disarming a law enforcement officer; and providing a penalty. 3 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: 8 § 5104.1. Disarming law enforcement officer. 9 (a) Offense defined. -- A person commits the offense of 10 disarming a law enforcement officer if he: 11 (1) removes or attempts to remove a firearm, rifle, 12 shotgun or weapon from the person of a law enforcement officer or corrections officer, or deprives a law enforcement 13 officer or corrections officer of the use of a firearm, 14 15 rifle, shotqun or weapon, when the officer is acting within 16 the scope of the officer's duties; and (2) has reasonable cause to know or knows that the 17

individual is a law enforcement officer or corrections

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- 1 <u>officer.</u>
- 2 <u>(b) Grading.--</u>
- 3 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a violation of
- 4 this section constitutes a felony of the third degree.
- 5 (2) If the firearm, rifle, shotgun or weapon is
- 6 <u>discharged during the violation of this section, the offense</u>
- 7 <u>is a felony of the second degree.</u>
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.