

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 466 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY DALLY, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BUXTON,
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METCALFE, MILLARD, PAYNE, PEIFER, PHILLIPS, RAPP, REED,
ROHRER, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STERN,
R. STEVENSON, TANGRETTI, WILLIAMS, YEWIC, HORNAMAN AND
MARSHALL, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 powers and duties of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs relating to
4 law enforcement.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2921 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2921. Powers and duties of the sheriff.

10 (a) Court duties.--The sheriff, either personally or by
11 deputy, shall serve process and execute orders directed to him
12 pursuant to law.

13 (b) Law enforcement.--All sheriffs, and all deputy sheriffs
14 who have successfully completed the same type of training as
15 municipal police officers, including, but not limited to,
16 training pursuant to the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2),

1 known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act, or 53
2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education
3 and training) shall have and may exercise the same powers as
4 municipal police officers to make arrests, without warrants, for
5 all crimes and offenses, including, but not limited to, all
6 violations under 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses),
7 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles) and the act of April 14, 1972
8 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
9 Device and Cosmetic Act, and without limiting the foregoing,
10 every sheriff and deputy sheriff shall have the powers, duties,
11 responsibilities and immunities conferred on municipal police
12 officers generally and specifically under sections 8952
13 (relating to primary municipal police jurisdiction) and 8953
14 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.