

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY C. WILLIAMS, COSTA, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FOLMER, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON AND MELLOW, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MAY 21, 2007

AN ACT

1 ~~Protecting the right of a mother~~ PERMITTING A MOTHER THE FREEDOM <—
2 to nurse her child in public; ~~prohibiting a unit of local~~ <—
3 ~~government from adopting an ordinance prohibiting~~
4 ~~breastfeeding in public;~~ and providing that breastfeeding may
5 not be considered a nuisance, indecent exposure, sexual
6 conduct or obscenity.

7 ~~WHEREAS, There are benefits to the child, the mother and~~ <—
8 ~~society by encouraging and enabling mothers to breastfeed their~~
9 ~~children; and~~

10 ~~WHEREAS, An infant who is breastfed receives protection~~
11 ~~against infection, illness and allergies, and long term positive~~
12 ~~effects on the development, intelligence and health of breastfed~~
13 ~~children have been found; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, A protective effect against various types of cancer~~
15 ~~and greater emotional and physical health are found for mothers~~
16 ~~who breastfeed; and~~

17 ~~WHEREAS, Breastfeeding promotes sufficient birth spacing,~~
18 ~~improved vaccine effectiveness and decreased food and medical~~
19 ~~expenses, which all have positive societal effects; and~~

1 (3) Obscenity or sexual conduct as defined in 18 Pa.C.S.
2 § 5903 (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and
3 performances).

4 (4) A nuisance as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6504 (relating
5 to public nuisances).

6 Section 10. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.