

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 995 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY COMITTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROBINSON, STREET, ARGALL, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, KANE, COSTA, YUDICHAK, MUTH, SCHWANK, COLLETT, BROWNE, HUGHES, PITTMAN, CAPPELLETTI, L. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, A. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, YAW, HAYWOOD, SABATINA, KEARNEY, BREWSTER, FLYNN, BARTOLOTTA, GEBHARD, BROOKS AND VOGEL, DECEMBER 29, 2021

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the  
 3 offense of ethnic intimidation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2710(a) and (c) of Title 18 of the  
 7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 2710. Ethnic intimidation.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of ethnic  
 10 intimidation if, with malicious intention toward the race,  
 11 color, religion [or], national origin or intellectual or  
 12 physical disability of another individual or group of  
 13 individuals, he commits an offense under any other provision of  
 14 this article or under Chapter 33 (relating to arson, criminal  
 15 mischief and other property destruction) exclusive of section  
 16 3307 (relating to institutional vandalism) or under section 3503

1 (relating to criminal trespass) with respect to such individual  
2 or his or her property or with respect to one or more members of  
3 such group or to their property.

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5 (c) Definition.--As used in this section "malicious  
6 intention" means the intention to commit any act, the commission  
7 of which is a necessary element of any offense referred to in  
8 subsection (a) motivated by hatred toward the race, color,  
9 religion [or], national origin or intellectual or physical  
10 disability of another individual or group of individuals.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.