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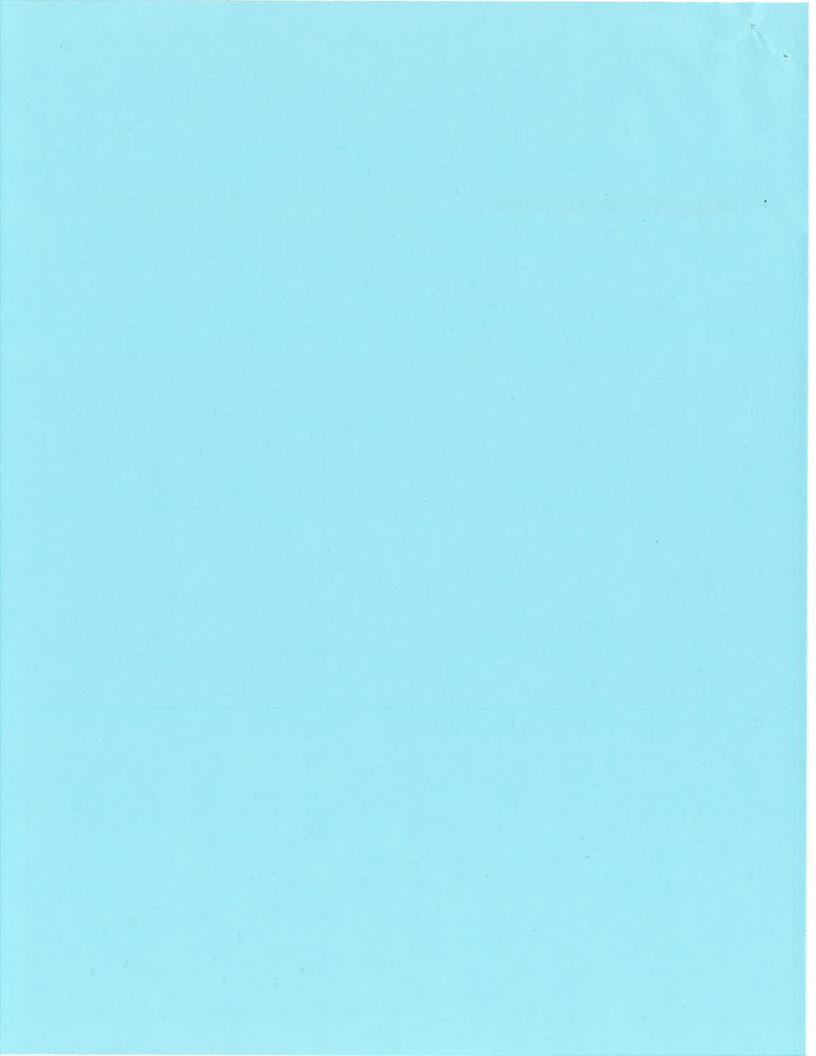
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- 1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further
- 3 providing for definitions.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. The definition of "abuse" in section 6102(a) of
- 7 Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to
- 8 read:
- 9 § 6102. Definitions.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- The following words and phrases when used
- 11 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 12 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 13 "Abuse." The occurrence of one or more of the following acts
- 14 between [family or household members, sexual or intimate
- 15 partners or persons who share biological parenthood] persons:
- 16 (1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or
- 17 recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury,
- 18 rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault,

- 1 statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault,
- 2 indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon.
- 3 (2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent 4 serious bodily injury.
- 5 (3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18 6 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).
 - (4) Physically or sexually abusing minor children, including such terms as defined in Chapter 63 (relating to child protective services).
- 10 Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including 11 following the person, without proper authority, under 12 circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of 13 bodily injury. The definition of this paragraph applies only 14 to proceedings commenced under this title and is inapplicable 15 to any criminal prosecutions commenced under Title 18 16 17 (relating to crimes and offenses).
- 18 (6) Wrongfully taking or attempting to take by

 19 withholding, appropriating, concealing or using the money,

 20 assets or property, through deception, intimidation or undue

 21 influence.
- 22 (7) Harassment under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709 (relating to harassment).
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25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.