

CRIMES CODE (18 PA.C.S.) - OFFENSE OF HARASSMENT

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AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of harassment.

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

Section 1. Section 2709(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and subsection (f) is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 2709. Harassment.

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(c) Grading.--

[(1) An offense under subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) shall constitute a summary offense.

(2) (i) An offense under subsection (a)(4), (5), (6) or (7) shall constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree.]

(1) Except as provided under paragraph (3), an offense under subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) shall constitute a summary offense.

(2) An offense under subsection (a)(4), (5), (6) or (7) shall constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(3) The grading of an offense under subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) shall be enhanced one degree if the person has previously violated an order issued under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108 (relating to relief) involving the same victim, family or household member.

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(f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

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"Family or household member." Spouses or persons who have been spouses, persons living as spouses or who lived as spouses, parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood.

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

APPROVED--The 27th day of November, A.D. 2013.

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