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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 physical or mental  
12 disability of another individual or group of individuals, he  
13 commits an offense under any other provision of this article or  
14 under Chapter 33 (relating to arson, criminal mischief and other  
15 property destruction) exclusive of section 3307 (relating to  
16 institutional vandalism) or under section 3503 (relating to  
17 criminal trespass) with respect to such individual or his or her  
18 property or with respect to one or more members of such group or

1 to their property.

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

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