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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals,"
7 further providing for definitions; and making a related
8 editorial change to Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes.

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

12 Section 1. The definition of "victim" in section 103 of the
13 act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime
14 Victims Act, is amended to read:

15 Section 103. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
17 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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20 "Victim." The term means the following:

21 (1) A direct victim.

1 (2) A parent or legal guardian of a child who is a
2 direct victim, except when the parent or legal guardian of
3 the child is the alleged offender.

4 (3) A minor child who is a material witness to any of
5 the following crimes and offenses under 18 Pa.C.S. (relating
6 to crimes and offenses) committed or attempted against a
7 member of the child's family:

8 Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).

9 Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).

10 Section 3121 (relating to rape).

11 (4) A family member of a homicide victim, including
12 stepbrothers or stepsisters, stepchildren, stepparents or a
13 fiance, one of whom is to be identified to receive
14 communication as provided for in this act, except where the
15 family member is the alleged offender.

16 (5) A corporation, partnership, limited liability
17 company, association, estate, trust, foundation or
18 governmental entity that, as a result of a criminal act or
19 attempt, suffers injury or loss. The term shall not include
20 the alleged offender of the criminal act or attempt.

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22 Section 2. The definition of "victim" in section 1106(h) of
23 Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to
24 read:

25 § 1106. Restitution for injuries to person or property.

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

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1 "Victim." As defined in section [479.1 of the act of April
2 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
3 1929] 103 of the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
4 known as the Crime Victims Act. The term includes the Crime
5 Victim's Compensation Fund if compensation has been paid by the
6 Crime Victim's Compensation Fund to the victim and any insurance
7 company that has compensated the victim for loss under an
8 insurance contract.

9 Section 3. The General Assembly finds that the amendment of
10 the definition of "victim" in 18 Pa.C.S. § 1106(h) is an
11 editorial change related to the amendment of section 103 of the
12 act and, inasmuch as there is a nexus to the amendment of
13 section 103, that this act contains a single subject.

14 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.