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AND GRUPPO, FEBRUARY 4, 1987

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 27, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR AGGRAVATED
3 ASSAULT; providing for the offense of assault on sports
4 official; and providing penalties. <—

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

7 SECTION 1. SECTION 2702 OF TITLE 18 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
8 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ: <—

9 § 2702. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

10 (A) OFFENSE DEFINED.--A PERSON IS GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED
11 ASSAULT IF HE:

12 (1) ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER,
13 OR CAUSES SUCH INJURY INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY
14 UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MANIFESTING EXTREME INDIFFERENCE TO THE
15 VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE;

16 (2) ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR

1 RECKLESSLY CAUSES SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO A POLICE OFFICER
2 [OR], FIREFIGHTER OR COUNTY ADULT OR JUVENILE PROBATION OR
3 PAROLE OFFICER OR A PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND
4 PAROLE AGENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OR TO AN EMPLOYEE OF
5 AN AGENCY, COMPANY OR OTHER ENTITY ENGAGED IN PUBLIC
6 TRANSPORTATION, WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY;

7 (3) ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY
8 CAUSES BODILY INJURY TO A POLICE OFFICER [OR], FIREFIGHTER OR
9 COUNTY ADULT OR JUVENILE PROBATION OR PAROLE OFFICER OR A
10 PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE AGENT IN THE
11 PERFORMANCE OF DUTY;

12 (4) ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY
13 CAUSES BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER WITH A DEADLY WEAPON; OR

14 (5) ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY
15 CAUSES BODILY INJURY TO A TEACHING STAFF MEMBER, SCHOOL BOARD
16 MEMBER, OTHER EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT OF ANY ELEMENTARY OR
17 SECONDARY PUBLICLY-FUNDED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, ANY
18 ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY PRIVATE SCHOOL LICENSED BY THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR ANY ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY
20 PAROCHIAL SCHOOL WHILE ACTING IN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER
21 EMPLOYMENT OR BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP
22 TO THE SCHOOL.

23 (B) GRADING.--AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) AND
24 (2) IS A FELONY OF THE FIRST DEGREE. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (A)(3), (4) AND (5) IS A FELONY OF THE SECOND DEGREE.

26 Section 2. Title 18 ~~of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <—
27 ~~Statutes~~ is amended by adding a section to read:

28 § 2712. Assault on sports official.

29 (a) Offense defined.--A person who violates section 2701
30 (relating to simple assault), where the victim is a sports

1 official who was assaulted during a sports event or was
2 assaulted as a result of his or her official acts as a sports
3 official, is guilty of assault on a sports official.

4 (b) Grading.--Assault on a sports official is a misdemeanor
5 of the first degree.

6 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section the following
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8 subsection:

9 "Sports event." Any interscholastic athletic activity in a
10 junior high school, high school, college or university in this
11 Commonwealth, or any other organized athletic activity in this
12 Commonwealth.

13 "Sports official." A person at a sports event who enforces
14 the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a
15 person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. The
16 term includes a trainer, team attendant, game manager and
17 athletic director.

18 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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