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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for forgery of uniform  
3 police identification cards.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4101 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4101. Forgery.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of forgery if, with  
10 intent to defraud or injure anyone, or with knowledge that he is  
11 facilitating a fraud or injury to be perpetrated by anyone, the  
12 actor:

13 (1) alters any writing of another without his authority;

14 (2) makes, completes, executes, authenticates, issues or  
15 transfers any writing so that it purports to be the act of  
16 another who did not authorize that act, or to have been  
17 executed at a time or place or in a numbered sequence other

1       than was in fact the case, or to be a copy of an original  
2       when no such original existed; or

3           (3) utters any writing which he knows to be forged in a  
4       manner specified in paragraphs (1) or (2) [of this  
5       subsection].

6       (b) Definition.--As used in this section the word "writing"  
7       includes printing or any other method of recording information,  
8       money, coins, tokens, stamps, seals, credit cards, badges,  
9       trademarks, and other symbols of value, right, privilege[,] or  
10      identification, including uniform police identification cards.

11      (c) Grading.--Forgery is a felony of the second degree if  
12      the writing is or purports to be part of an issue of money,  
13      securities, postage or revenue stamps, or other instruments  
14      issued by the government, or part of an issue of stock, bonds or  
15      other instruments representing interests in or claims against  
16      any property or enterprise, or involves the forgery of uniform  
17      police identification cards. Forgery is a felony of the third  
18      degree if the writing is or purports to be a will, deed,  
19      contract, release, commercial instrument, or other document  
20      evidencing, creating, transferring, altering, terminating, or  
21      otherwise affecting legal relations. Otherwise forgery is a  
22      misdemeanor of the first degree.

23      Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.