THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, MUSTO, SALVATORE, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, PORTERFIELD, GERLACH, STAPLETON, BELL, RHOADES, BRIGHTBILL, KASUNIC, WENGER, HECKLER, MADIGAN, WILLIAMS AND ULIANA, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for aggravated
- 3 assault on emergency medical health care workers.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 2702 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 2702. Aggravated assault.
- 9 (a) Offense defined. -- A person is guilty of aggravated
- 10 assault if he:
- 11 (1) attempts to cause serious bodily injury to another,
- or causes such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly
- 13 under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the
- 14 value of human life;
- 15 (2) attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or
- 16 recklessly causes serious bodily injury to a judge, district
- 17 justice, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, deputy

constable, psychiatric aide, police officer, firefighter,

2 county adult probation or parole officer, county juvenile

3 probation or parole officer or an agent of the Pennsylvania

4 Board of Probation and Parole in the performance of duty or

5 to an employee of an agency, company or other entity engaged

6 in public transportation, while in the performance of duty or

to an employee of a county jail, prison, correctional

8 institution, juvenile detention center or any facility to

which the person has been ordered by the court pursuant to a

petition alleging delinquency under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63

11 (relating to juvenile matters);

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- (3) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily injury to a judge, district justice, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, deputy constable, psychiatric aide, police officer, firefighter or county adult probation or parole officer, county juvenile probation or parole officer or an agent of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole in the performance of duty or to an employee of a county jail, prison, correctional institution, juvenile detention center or any facility to which the person has been ordered by the court pursuant to a petition alleging delinquency under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63;
 - (4) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon; [or]
 - (5) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily injury to a teaching staff member, school board member, other employee or student of any elementary or secondary publicly-funded educational institution, any elementary or secondary private school licensed by the Department of Education or any elementary or secondary

- 1 parochial school while acting in the scope of his or her
- 2 employment or because of his or her employment relationship
- 3 to the school[.]; or
- 4 (6) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly
- 5 <u>causes bodily injury to any professional or nonprofessional</u>
- 6 <u>emergency medical health care worker acting in the scope of</u>
- 7 employment. For purposes of this paragraph, the phrase
- 8 <u>"emergency medical health care personnel" includes, but is</u>
- 9 <u>not limited to, doctors, residents, interns, registered</u>
- 10 <u>nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse aides, ambulance</u>
- 11 <u>attendants and operators, paramedics and emergency medical</u>
- 12 <u>technicians</u>.
- 13 (b) Grading.--Aggravated assault under subsection (a)(1) and
- 14 (2) is a felony of the first degree. Aggravated assault under
- 15 subsection (a)(3), (4) [and], (5) and (6) is a felony of the
- 16 second degree.
- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.