THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, DECEMBER 12, 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
- 7 to an employee of a county jail, prison, correctional
- 8 institution, juvenile detention center or any facility to
- 9 which the person has been ordered by the court pursuant to a
- 10 petition alleging delinquency under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63
- 11 (relating to juvenile matters);
- 12 (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
- 17 officer or an agent of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation
- and Parole in the performance of duty or to an employee of a
- 19 county jail, prison, correctional institution, juvenile
- 20 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;
- 23 (4) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly
- causes bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon; [or]
- 25 (5) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly
- 26 causes bodily injury to a teaching staff member, school board
- 27 member, other employee or student of any elementary or
- 28 secondary publicly-funded educational institution, any
- 29 elementary or secondary private school licensed by the
- 30 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 emergency medical health care worker acting in the scope of
- 7 <u>employment. For purposes of this paragraph, the phrase</u>
- 8 <u>"emergency medical health care worker" includes, but is not</u>
- 9 <u>limited to, doctors, residents, interns, registered nurses,</u>
- 10 licensed practical nurses, nurse aides, ambulance attendants
- and operators, paramedics and, emergency medical technicians
- 12 AND MEMBERS OF A HOSPITAL SECURITY FORCE.
- (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.