
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 45

Session of
1997

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 15, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for harassment and
3 stalking.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2709(f) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2709. Harassment and stalking.

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10 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection:

13 "Course of conduct." A pattern of actions composed of more
14 than one act over a period of time, however short, evidencing a
15 continuity of conduct. Acts indicating a course of conduct which
16 occur in more than one jurisdiction may be used by any other
17 jurisdiction in which an act occurred as evidence of a
18 continuing pattern or course of conduct.

1 "Emotional distress." A temporary or permanent state of
2 great physical or mental strain.

3 "Family or household member." Spouses or persons who have
4 been spouses, persons living as spouses or who lived as spouses,
5 parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or
6 affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or
7 persons who share biological parenthood.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.