

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 2272 Session of  
2000

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HORSEY, FEBRUARY 15, 2000

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 15, 2000

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retaliation  
3 against witness or victim.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4953 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4953. Retaliation against ~~a party, witness or victim~~ <—

9 [WITNESS OR VICTIM] WITNESS, VICTIM OR PARTY. <—

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if he  
11 harms another by any unlawful act ~~or by engaging~~ ENGAGES in a <—  
12 course of conduct or repeatedly committing COMMITTS acts which <—  
13 alarm or seriously annoy the victim ANOTHER in retaliation for <—  
14 anything lawfully done in the capacity of witness [or], victim <—  
15 or a party in a civil matter.

16 (b) Grading.--The offense is a felony of the third degree if

1 the retaliation is accomplished by any of the means specified in  
2 section 4952(b)(1) through (5) (relating to intimidation of  
3 witnesses or victims). Otherwise the offense is a misdemeanor of  
4 the second degree.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.