

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2272 Session of
2000

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AND M. COHEN, FEBRUARY 15, 2000

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 20, 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 OR PARTY. <—

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 [witness or victim] witness, victim or
9 party.

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