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OCTOBER 24, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 24, 2001

AN ACT

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

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

5 Section 1. Section 2701 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes, mended June 22, 2001 (P.L.605, No.48), is  
7 amended to read:

8 § 2701. Simple assault.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of assault if he:

10 (1) attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or  
11 recklessly causes bodily injury to another;

12 (2) negligently causes bodily injury to another with a  
13 deadly weapon;

1           (3) attempts by physical menace to put another in fear  
2 of imminent serious bodily injury; or

3           (4) conceals or attempts to conceal a hypodermic needle  
4 on his person and intentionally or knowingly penetrates a law  
5 enforcement officer or an officer or an employee of a  
6 correctional institution, county jail or prison, detention  
7 facility or mental hospital, during the course of an arrest  
8 or any search of the person.

9           (b) Grading.--Simple assault is a misdemeanor of the second  
10 degree unless committed:

11           (1) in a fight or scuffle entered into by mutual  
12 consent, in which case it is a misdemeanor of the third  
13 degree; or

14           (2) against a child under 12 years of age by an adult 21  
15 years of age or older, in which case it is a misdemeanor of  
16 the first degree.

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