

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 183 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY PIPPY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, RHOADES, COSTA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, WOZNIAK, BROWNE AND LOGAN, MARCH 6, 2007

SENATOR GREENLEAF, JUDICIARY, AS AMENDED, MARCH 27, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for impersonating a  
3 public servant.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4912 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4912. Impersonating a public servant, MEMBER OF THE ARMED  
9 FORCES OR VETERAN. ←

10 (a) General rule.--A person commits a misdemeanor of the  
11 second degree if he falsely pretends to hold a position in the  
12 public service with intent to induce another to submit to such  
13 pretended official authority or otherwise to act in reliance  
14 upon that pretense to his prejudice.

15 (b) Law enforcement officer.--A person commits a felony of  
16 the third degree if by action, word or attire the person  
17 purports to be, or conveys the impression that the person is, a  
18 police officer or any other type of law enforcement officer,

1 with intent to induce another person to submit to false official  
2 authority or to otherwise rely to his or her prejudice upon the  
3 false impression created.

4 (C) MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES OR VETERAN.--A PERSON COMMITS A ←  
5 MISDEMEANOR OF THE THIRD DEGREE IF BY ACTION, WORD OR ATTIRE THE  
6 PERSON PURPORTS TO BE, OR CONVEYS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PERSON  
7 IS, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OR A VETERAN, WITH  
8 INTENT TO INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO SUBMIT TO FALSE OFFICIAL  
9 AUTHORITY OR TO OTHERWISE RELY TO HIS OR HER PREJUDICE UPON THE  
10 FALSE IMPRESSION CREATED.

11 (D) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION THE TERM "VETERAN"  
12 MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVED OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
13 SUBSECTION SERVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR  
14 IN ANY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY CONNECTED THEREWITH,  
15 DURING ANY WAR OR ARMED CONFLICT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES  
16 ENGAGED AND WHO WAS RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER HONORABLE  
17 CONDITIONS, OTHER THAN FROM PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING,  
18 OR WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM SUCH SERVICE, OR A PERSON  
19 WHO SO SERVED OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION  
20 SERVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR IN ANY  
21 WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY CONNECTED THEREWITH, SINCE JULY  
22 27, 1953, INCLUDING SERVICE IN VIETNAM, AND WHO HAS AN HONORABLE  
23 DISCHARGE FROM SUCH SERVICE.

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