
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ORIE, PUNT, REGOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, LOGAN,
RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, WASHINGTON AND MUSTO, MARCH 14, 2007

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 14, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the offense of domestic
3 assault.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2718. Domestic assault.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person who violates section 2701
10 (relating to simple assault) or 2702 (relating to aggravated
11 assault) where the victim is a family or household member of the
12 perpetrator is guilty of domestic assault and, in addition to
13 any other penalty prescribed by law, shall be sentenced to:

14 (1) A minimum sentence of at least one year of total
15 confinement when the offense is a second offense.

16 (2) A minimum sentence of at least five years of total
17 confinement when the offense is a third or subsequent
18 offense.

1 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "family
2 or household member" means a spouse or person who has been a
3 spouse, person living as a spouse or who lived as a spouse or a
4 current or former sexual or intimate partner.

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