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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 876**      Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, FOLMER,  
KITCHEN, LOGAN, MUSTO, ORIE, PIPPY, PUNT, RAFFERTY, REGOLA,  
SCARNATI, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, WONDERLING  
AND WOZNIAK, MAY 18, 2007

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MAY 18, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sexual abuse of  
3 children.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6312 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

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10 (g) Concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.--The Attorney  
11 General shall have concurrent prosecutorial jurisdiction with  
12 the district attorney for violations under this section and any  
13 crime arising out of the activity prohibited by this section. No  
14 person charged with a violation of this section by the Attorney  
15 General shall have standing to challenge the authority of the  
16 Attorney General to prosecute the case, and, if any such  
17 challenge is made, the challenge shall be dismissed and no

1 relief shall be available in the courts of this Commonwealth to  
2 the person making the challenge.

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