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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 30, 2010

AN ACT

| Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential communications to a critical incident stress management team member by law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders and corrections officers PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDERS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO A PEER SUPPORT MEMBER BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. |
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| The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania |
| hereby enacts as follows: |
| Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated |
| Statutes is amended by adding sections to read: |
| <u>§ 5950. Confidential communications INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT</u> |
| OFFICERS. |
| (a) DisclosureExcept as provided under subsection (b) |
| (C), a critical incident stress management team member who, |
| while in the course of his duties DUTY, has acquired information \leftarrow |
| from any law enforcement officer secretly and in confidence, may |
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| 1 | not be compelled or allowed without the consent of the law |
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| 2 | enforcement officer to disclose that information in a legal |
| 3 | proceeding, trial, or investigation before any government unit. |
| 4 | (b) Exceptions. The testimonial privilege established under |
| 5 | subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the following apply: |
| 6 | (1) The communication or advice indicates clear and |
| 7 | present danger to the law enforcement officer who receives |
| 8 | crisis response services or to other persons. |
| 9 | (B) COPARTICIPANTSEXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION |
| 10 | (C), A COPARTICIPANT WHO IS PRESENT DURING THE COURSE OF A |
| 11 | CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM INTERVENTION MAY NOT BE |
| 12 | COMPELLED OR ALLOWED, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE AFFECTED LAW |
| 13 | ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO DISCLOSE ANY COMMUNICATION MADE DURING |
| 14 | THE INTERVENTION IN A LEGAL PROCEEDING, TRIAL, OR INVESTIGATION |
| 15 | BEFORE A GOVERNMENT UNIT. |
| 16 | (C) EXCEPTIONSTHE PRIVILEGE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS |
| 17 | (A) AND (B) SHALL NOT APPLY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY: |
| 18 | (1) THE COMMUNICATION INDICATES CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER |
| 19 | TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED CRITICAL INCIDENT |
| 20 | STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES OR TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS. |
| 21 | (2) The law enforcement officer who received crisis |
| 22 | response CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT services gives |
| 23 | express consent to the testimony DISCLOSURE. |
| 24 | (3) The law enforcement officer who received crisis |
| 25 | <pre>response CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT services is</pre> |
| 26 | deceased and the surviving spouse or the executor or |
| 27 | administrator of the estate of the deceased law enforcement |
| 28 | officer gives express consent. |
| 29 | (4) The law enforcement officer who received crisis |
| 30 | response services voluntarily testifies, in which case the |
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| 1 | <u>critical incident stress management team member may be</u> |
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| 2 | compelled to testify on the same subject. |
| 3 | (5) The court in camera determines that the information |
| 4 | communicated by the law enforcement officer who received |
| 5 | crisis response services is not germane to the relationship |
| 6 | between the law enforcement officer and the team member. |
| 7 | (6) The communication or advice pertains or is related |
| 8 | to any criminal act. |
| 9 | (4) THE COURT IN CAMERA DETERMINES THAT THE INFORMATION |
| 10 | COMMUNICATED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED |
| 11 | CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERTAINS TO OR |
| 12 | IS RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTS OF INTENT COMMITTED OR |
| 13 | CONTEMPLATED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. |
| 14 | (c) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following |
| 15 | words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this |
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| 16 | subsection: |
| 16 17 | <pre>subsection: <u>"Crisis response services." Consultation, risk assessment,</u></pre> |
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| 17 18 | <u>"Crisis response services." Consultation, risk assessment,</u> |
| 17 18 19 | <u>"Crisis response services." Consultation, risk assessment,</u> <u>referral and onsite crisis intervention services provided by a</u> <u>critical incident stress management team to a law enforcement</u> |
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| 1 | OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR THE IMMINENT |
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| 2 | POTENTIAL OF SUCH DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR ANY |
| 3 | SITUATION FACED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF |
| 4 | DUTY WHICH CAUSES OR MAY CAUSE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO |
| 5 | EXPERIENCE UNUSUALLY STRONG NEGATIVE EMOTIONAL REACTIONS. |
| 6 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT NETWORK." A NETWORK |
| 7 | THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA |
| 8 | VOLUNTARY CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT NETWORK AS |
| 9 | ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND IS REGISTERED WITH |
| 10 | THE INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS FOUNDATION. |
| 11 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES." CONSULTATION, |
| 12 | RISK ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION, INTERVENTION, BRIEFING, DEFUSING, |
| 13 | DEBRIEFING, ONSITE SERVICES, REFERRAL AND OTHER CRISIS |
| 14 | INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY A CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS |
| 15 | MANAGEMENT TEAM TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PRIOR TO, DURING OR |
| 16 | AFTER A CRITICAL INCIDENT. |
| 17 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER." AN |
| 18 | INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SPECIALLY TRAINED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL INCIDENT |
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| 20 | ORGANIZATION CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM THAT HOLDS |
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| 1 | AGENCY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OR INSTRUMENTALITY |
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| 2 | THEREOF. |
| 3 | "Law enforcement officer." Any of the following: |
| 4 | (1) A member of the Pennsylvania State Police. |
| 5 | (2) Any enforcement officer or investigator employed by |
| 6 | <u>the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.</u> |
| 7 | (3) A parole agent, enforcement officer and investigator |
| 8 | of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. |
| 9 | (4) A Capitol Police officer. |
| 10 | (5) A Department of Conservation and Natural Resources |
| 11 | ranger. |
| 12 | (6) A drug enforcement agent of the Office of Attorney |
| 13 | General whose principal duty is the enforcement of the drug |
| 14 | laws of this Commonwealth and a special agent of the Office |
| 15 | of Attorney General whose principal duty is the enforcement |
| 16 | of the criminal laws of this Commonwealth. |
| 17 | (7) Any member of a port authority or other authority |
| 18 | police department. |
| 19 | (8) Any police officer of a county, REGION, city, |
| 20 | <u>borough, town or township.</u> |
| 21 | (9) Any sheriff or deputy sheriff. |
| 22 | (10) A member of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. |
| 23 | (11) A Pennsylvania Wildlife Conservation Officer. |
| 24 | (12) A member of a Campus Police force with the power to |
| 25 | arrest under section 2416 of the act of April 9, 1929 |
| 26 | (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929. |
| 27 | As used in this paragraph, the term "campus police" has the |
| 28 | meaning given in section 302 of the act of November 29, 2004 |
| 29 | (P.L.1383, No.180), known as the Uniform Crime Reporting Act. |
| 30 | (13) A member of the Fort Indiantown Gap Police Force. |

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| 1 | § 5951. Confidential communications involving firefighters, | |
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| 2 | first PUBLIC SAFETY responders and corrections | |
| 3 | officers. | |
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| 5 | (C), a critical incident stress management team member who, | |
| 6 | while in the course of his duties DUTY, has acquired information \leftarrow | |
| 7 | from any firefighter, first PUBLIC SAFETY responder or | |
| 8 | corrections officer secretly and in confidence, may not be | |
| 9 | compelled or allowed without the consent of the firefighter, | |
| 10 | first PUBLIC SAFETY responder or corrections officer to disclose | |
| 11 | that information in a legal proceeding, trial, or investigation | |
| 12 | before any government unit. | |
| 13 | (b) ExceptionsThe testimonial privilege established under | |
| 14 | subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the following apply: | |
| 15 | (1) The communication or advice indicates clear and | |
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| 16 | present danger to the firefighter, first responder or | |
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1 <u>OTHER INDIVIDUALS.</u>

| 2 | (2) The firefighter, first PUBLIC SAFETY responder or |
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| 3 | corrections officer who received crisis response CRITICAL |
| 4 | INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT services gives express consent to |
| 5 | the testimony. |
| 6 | (3) The firefighter, first PUBLIC SAFETY responder or |
| 7 | corrections officer who received crisis response CRITICAL |
| 8 | INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT services is deceased and the |
| 9 | surviving spouse or the executor or administrator of the |
| 10 | estate of the deceased firefighter, first PUBLIC SAFETY |
| 11 | responder or corrections officer gives express consent. |
| 12 | (4) The firefighter, first responder or corrections |
| 13 | officer who received crisis response services voluntarily |
| 14 | testifies, in which case the critical incident stress |
| 15 | management team member may be compelled to testify on the |
| 16 | same_subject. |
| 17 | (5) The court in camera determines that the information |
| 18 | communicated by the firefighter, first responder or |
| 19 | corrections officer who received crisis response services is |
| 20 | not germane to the relationship between the firefighter, |
| 21 | first responder or corrections officer and the team member. |
| 22 | (6) The communication or advice pertains or is related |
| 23 | to any criminal act. |
| 24 | (4) THE COURT IN CAMERA DETERMINES THAT THE INFORMATION |
| 25 | COMMUNICATED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONS |
| 26 | OFFICER WHO RECEIVED CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT |
| 27 | SERVICES PERTAINS TO OR IS RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTS OF INTENT |
| 28 | COMMITTED OR CONTEMPLATED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDER OR |
| 29 | CORRECTIONS OFFICER. |
| 30 | (c) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following |

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| 1 | words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this |
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| 2 | subsection: |
| 3 | "COPARTICIPANT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN A |
| 4 | GROUP CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM INTERVENTION. |
| 5 | "Corrections officer." A corrections officer of the |
| 6 | Commonwealth or a political subdivision. |
| 7 | <u>"Crisis response services." Consultation, risk assessment,</u> |
| 8 | referral and onsite crisis intervention services provided by a |
| 9 | critical incident stress management team to a firefighter, a |
| 10 | first responder or a corrections officer. |
| 11 | <u>"Critical incident stress management team member." An</u> |
| 12 | individual specially trained to provide crisis response services |
| 13 | as a member of a crisis response team that holds membership in |
| 14 | the Commonwealth's critical incident stress management network. |
| 15 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT." A SITUATION RESPONDED TO BY A PUBLIC |
| 16 | SAFETY RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER WHICH PRESENTS OR |
| 17 | INVOLVES EITHER THE DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OF AN |
| 18 | INDIVIDUAL OR THE IMMINENT POTENTIAL OF SUCH DEATH OR SERIOUS |
| 19 | BODILY INJURY, OR ANY SITUATION FACED BY A PUBLIC SAFETY |
| 20 | RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF DUTY WHICH |
| 21 | CAUSES OR MAY CAUSE THE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONS |
| 22 | OFFICER TO EXPERIENCE UNUSUALLY STRONG NEGATIVE EMOTIONAL |
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| 26 | VOLUNTARY CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT NETWORK AS |
| 27 | ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND IS REGISTERED WITH |
| 28 | THE INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS FOUNDATION. |
| 29 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES." CONSULTATION, |
| 30 | RISK ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION, INTERVENTION, BRIEFING, DEFUSING, |

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| 1 | DEBRIEFING, ONSITE SERVICES, REFERRAL AND OTHER CRISIS |
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| 2 | INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY A CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS |
| 3 | MANAGEMENT TEAM TO A PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDER OR CORRECTIONS |
| 4 | OFFICER PRIOR TO, DURING OR AFTER A CRITICAL INCIDENT. |
| 5 | "CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBER." AN |
| 6 | INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SPECIALLY TRAINED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL INCIDENT |
| 7 | STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES AS A MEMBER OF A CRITICAL INCIDENT |
| 8 | STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM THAT HOLDS MEMBERSHIP IN THE |
| 9 | COMMONWEALTH'S CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT NETWORK. |
| 10 | "Firefighter." A member of a municipal or volunteer fire |
| 11 | company. |
| 12 | "First responder." An individual who is certified by the |
| 13 | Department of Health as a first responder. |
| 14 | "GOVERNMENT UNIT." THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS OFFICERS AND |
| 15 | AGENCIES; THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, |
| 16 | AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS AND AGENCIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR |
| 17 | OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES THEREOF; ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, |
| 18 | MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE |
| 19 | DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS AND |
| 20 | AGENCIES OF SUCH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR OTHER |
| 21 | INSTRUMENTALITIES THEREOF; AND ANY COURT OR OTHER OFFICER OR |
| 22 | AGENCY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OR INSTRUMENTALITY |
| 23 | THEREOF. |
| 24 | "PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDER." ANY FIREFIGHTER, EMERGENCY |
| 25 | MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL, AMBULANCE SERVICE PERSONNEL OR |
| 26 | EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATOR, WHO IN A CRITICAL INCIDENT ARE |
| 27 | RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF LIFE, |
| 28 | PROPERTY, EVIDENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY |
| 29 | RESPONSE PROVIDER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE HOMELAND |
| 30 | SECURITY ACT OF 2002 (PUBLIC LAW 107-296, 116 STAT. 2135), AND |

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| 1 | EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER SKILLED SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO |
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| 2 | PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT SERVICES DURING PREVENTION, RESPONSE |
| 3 | AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS. |
| 4 | § 5952. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO PEER SUPPORT MEMBERS. |
| 5 | (A) DISCLOSUREEXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C), A |
| 6 | PEER SUPPORT MEMBER WHO, WHILE IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, HAS |
| 7 | ACQUIRED INFORMATION FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN |
| 8 | CONFIDENCE, MAY NOT BE COMPELLED OR ALLOWED WITHOUT THE CONSENT |
| 9 | OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO DISCLOSE THAT INFORMATION IN |
| 10 | ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING, TRIAL, OR INVESTIGATION BEFORE ANY |
| 11 | GOVERNMENT UNIT. |
| 12 | (B) COPARTICIPANTS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION |
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| 14 | SUPPORT SERVICES MAY NOT BE COMPELLED OR ALLOWED, WITHOUT THE |
| 15 | CONSENT OF THE AFFECTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO DISCLOSE ANY |
| 16 | COMMUNICATION MADE DURING THE PROVISION OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES |
| 17 | IN A LEGAL PROCEEDING, TRIAL, OR INVESTIGATION BEFORE A |
| 18 | GOVERNMENT UNIT. |
| 19 | (C) EXCEPTIONSTHE PRIVILEGE ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTIONS |
| 20 | (A) AND (B) SHALL NOT APPLY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY: |
| 21 | (1) THE COMMUNICATION INDICATES CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER |
| 22 | TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED PEER SUPPORT |
| 23 | SERVICES OR TO OTHER INDIVIDUALS. |
| 24 | (2) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED PEER |
| 25 | SUPPORT SERVICES GIVES EXPRESS CONSENT TO THE DISCLOSURE. |
| 26 | (3) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED PEER |
| 27 | SUPPORT SERVICES IS DECEASED AND THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR THE |
| 28 | EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED LAW |
| 29 | ENFORCEMENT OFFICER GIVES EXPRESS CONSENT. |
| 30 | (4) THE COURT IN CAMERA DETERMINES THAT THE INFORMATION |

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| 1 | COMMUNICATED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RECEIVED PEER |
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| 2 | SUPPORT SERVICES PERTAINS TO OR IS RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTS |
| 3 | OF INTENT COMMITTED OR CONTEMPLATED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT |
| 4 | OFFICER. |
| 5 | (D) DEFINITIONSAS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING |
| 6 | WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS |
| 7 | SUBSECTION: |
| 8 | "COPARTICIPANT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE |
| 9 | PROVISION OF PEER SUPPORT SERVICES. |
| 10 | "GOVERNMENT UNIT." THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS OFFICERS AND |
| 11 | AGENCIES; THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, |
| 12 | AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS AND AGENCIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR |
| 13 | OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES THEREOF; ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, |
| 14 | MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE |
| 15 | DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS AND |
| 16 | AGENCIES OF SUCH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR OTHER |
| 17 | INSTRUMENTALITIES THEREOF; AND ANY COURT OR OTHER OFFICER OR |
| 18 | AGENCY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OR INSTRUMENTALITY |
| 19 | THEREOF. |
| 20 | "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: |
| 21 | (1) A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. |
| 22 | (2) ANY ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED BY |
| 23 | THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD. |
| 24 | (3) A PAROLE AGENT, ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND INVESTIGATOR |
| 25 | OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE. |
| 26 | (4) A CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER. |
| 27 | (5) A DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES |
| 28 | RANGER. |
| 29 | (6) A DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENT OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY |
| 30 | GENERAL WHOSE PRINCIPAL DUTY IS THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRUG |

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| 1 | LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE OFFICE |
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| 2 | OF ATTORNEY GENERAL WHOSE PRINCIPAL DUTY IS THE ENFORCEMENT |
| 3 | OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH. |
| 4 | (7) ANY MEMBER OF A PORT AUTHORITY OR OTHER AUTHORITY |
| 5 | POLICE DEPARTMENT. |
| 6 | (8) ANY POLICE OFFICER OF A COUNTY, REGION, CITY, |
| 7 | BOROUGH, TOWN OR TOWNSHIP. |
| 8 | (9) ANY SHERIFF OR DEPUTY SHERIFF. |
| 9 | (10) A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT |
| 10 | COMMISSION. |
| 11 | (11) A PENNSYLVANIA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICER. |
| 12 | (12) A MEMBER OF A CAMPUS POLICE FORCE WITH THE POWER TO |
| 13 | ARREST UNDER SECTION 2416 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 |
| 14 | (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929. |
| 15 | AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM "CAMPUS POLICE" HAS THE |
| 16 | MEANING GIVEN IN SECTION 302 OF THE ACT OF NOVEMBER 29, 2004 |
| 17 | (P.L.1383, NO.180), KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING ACT. |
| 18 | (13) A MEMBER OF THE FORT INDIANTOWN GAP POLICE FORCE. |
| 19 | "PEER SUPPORT MEMBER." A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO: |
| 20 | (1) IS ASSIGNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. |
| 21 | (2) RECEIVES A MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS OF BASIC TRAINING IN |
| 22 | PEER SERVICES, INCLUDING LISTENING, ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL |
| 23 | SKILLS AND BASIC CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT. |
| 24 | (3) RECEIVES EIGHT HOURS OF CONTINUING TRAINING EACH |
| 25 | YEAR. |
| 26 | (4) MAY BE SUPERVISED BY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS. |
| 27 | Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days. |
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