

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1842 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY SIMMONS, TOOHL, CHRISTIANA, BOBACK, ADOLPH, BOYD, BROOKS, R. BROWN, CAUSER, COX, CUTLER, DIGIROLAMO, EMRICK, EVANKOVICH, FARRY, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GRELL, GROVE, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, M. K. KELLER, KILLION, KNOWLES, LAWRENCE, MAJOR, MARSHALL, METCALFE, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MURT, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, RAPP, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROCK, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, TALLMAN, WATSON, DENLINGER AND CALTAGIRONE, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 12, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for concealing death
3 of child.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4303(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 4303. Concealing death of child.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor
11 of the first degree] felony of the third degree if he or she as
12 a parent, INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS THE CHILD ←
13 OR AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S WELFARE, endeavors
14 privately, either alone or by the procurement of others, to

1 conceal the death of [his or her] THE child, so that it may not
2 come to light, whether it was born dead or alive or whether it
3 was murdered or not.

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5 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Parent." A natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent,
9 guardian , a person responsible for the child's welfare, any
10 individual residing in the same home as the child or a paramour
11 of the child's parent GUARDIAN OR AN INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN AN
12 INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILD'S PARENT.

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