
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1463 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HANNA, JUNE 3, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 3, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a duty to
3 assist victims of personal injury crimes.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8331.3 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8331.3. Criminal victim aid good Samaritan civil immunity.

9 (a) [General rule.--] Duty to assist.--The following shall
10 apply:

11 (1) A person at the scene of a personal injury crime or
12 attempted personal injury crime who knows that another person
13 is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm shall, to
14 the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril
15 to self or others, give reasonable assistance to the victim.
16 Reasonable assistance includes, but is not limited to,
17 obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or
18 medical personnel.

19 (2) A person who violates this subsection commits a

1 summary offense.

2 (a.1) Immunity.--Any person who provides or obtains or
3 attempts to provide or obtain reasonable assistance for a victim
4 of a personal injury crime at the scene of the personal injury
5 crime or attempted personal injury crime shall not be liable for
6 any civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions in
7 providing or obtaining or attempting to provide or obtain
8 reasonable assistance, except any acts or omissions
9 intentionally designed to harm or any acts or omissions that
10 constitute gross negligence or willful, wanton or reckless
11 conduct.

12 (b) Definitions.--The terms "personal injury crime" and
13 "victim" shall have the same meanings given to them in section
14 103 of the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as
15 the Crime Victims Act.

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