
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 15, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights,
3 further providing for wearing of uniforms and insignia.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6701 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6701. Wearing of uniforms and insignia.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a [summary
10 offense] misdemeanor of the third degree if, without authority,
11 he:

12 (1) wears or displays the uniform, decoration, insignia
13 or other distinctive emblem of any branch of the armed forces
14 of the United States or of any of the several states, or of
15 any association, for the purpose of obtaining aid or profit,
16 or while soliciting contributions or subscriptions; or

1 (2) wears an honorable discharge button issued or
2 authorized by the United States.

3 (b) Minimum fine.--Any person who is convicted under
4 subsection (a) shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed,
5 be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$1,000.

6 (c) Disposition of fines collected.--Notwithstanding the
7 provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 3571 (relating to Commonwealth
8 portion of fines, etc.) and 3573 (relating to municipal
9 corporation portion of fines, etc.), any fine collected for a
10 violation of this section shall be paid to the Commonwealth for
11 deposit into the Veterans' Trust Fund. Fines deposited into the
12 Veterans' Trust Fund shall be used exclusively for purposes set
13 forth in 51 Pa.C.S. § 1721(c) (relating to Veterans' Trust
14 Fund).

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