
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCHLOSSBERG, ROZZI, KINSEY, FRANKEL, McNEILL,
COHEN AND O'BRIEN, AUGUST 25, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 25, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in criminal homicide, further
3 providing for the offense of voluntary manslaughter.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2503 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 2503. Voluntary manslaughter.

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10 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Serious provocation." The term does not include the
14 discovery of, knowledge about or potential disclosure of the
15 homicide victim's actual or perceived gender identity or
16 expression or affectional or sexual orientation.

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