
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 23, 2017

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 and misrepresentation
9 of military service or honors.

10 (a) Wearing of uniforms and insignia.--A person is guilty of
11 a summary offense if, without authority, 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) Misrepresentation of military service or honors.--A
4 person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if, with intent
5 to obtain money, property or other benefit, the person
6 fraudulently holds himself out to be any of the following:

7 (1) A member or veteran of any branch of the armed
8 forces of the United States or of any of the several states.

9 (2) The recipient of any decoration or medal authorized
10 by the Congress of the United States for the armed forces of
11 the United States or any of the service medals or any
12 decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the
13 United States or of any of the several states.

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