
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 466 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MARSHALL, COX, DOWLING, A. HARRIS, IRVIN, JAMES,
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ORTITAY, PEIFER, PICKETT, RADER, RAPP, READSHAW, ROAE,
SACCONE, SNYDER, WARD, WENTLING AND WHEELAND,
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in officers serving
3 process and enforcing orders, further providing for powers
4 and duties of the sheriff.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2921 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 2921. Powers and duties of [the sheriff] sheriffs and deputy
10 sheriffs.

11 (a) Court duties.--The sheriff, either personally or by
12 deputy, shall serve process and execute orders directed to him
13 pursuant to law.

14 (b) Law enforcement.--Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who have
15 successfully completed the same type of training as municipal
16 police officers, including, but not limited to, training and
17 annual continuing education approved by the Sheriff and Deputy

1 Sheriff Education and Training Board under the act of February
2 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff
3 Education and Training Act, or 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D
4 (relating to municipal police education and training) shall have
5 and may exercise:

6 (1) the same powers as municipal police officers to make
7 arrests, without warrants, for all crimes and offenses,
8 including, but not limited to, all violations under 18
9 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses), 75 Pa.C.S.
10 (relating to vehicles) and the act of April 14, 1972
11 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
12 Device and Cosmetic Act; and

13 (2) the powers, duties, responsibilities and immunities
14 conferred on municipal police officers generally and
15 specifically under sections 8952 (relating to primary
16 municipal police jurisdiction) and 8953 (relating to
17 Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.