
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 234 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, STAATS, READSHAW, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, STRUZZI
AND KORTZ, JANUARY 28, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, providing for the
3 offense of duty to assist.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7518. Duty to assist.

9 (a) Offense defined.--To the extent that a person can do so
10 without danger to themselves or others, a person commits a
11 summary offense if that person knowingly fails to give
12 reasonable assistance to another person exposed to or suffering
13 from serious bodily injury at the scene of an emergency.

14 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
15 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
16 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Reasonable assistance." The term shall include direct aid
18 or the obtaining or attempt to obtain aid from law enforcement

1 or emergency medical personnel.

2 "Scene of an emergency." The term shall include an area
3 threatened by exposure or exposed to a natural or man-made
4 catastrophe or an occurrence where a person has suffered a life-
5 threatening event.

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