

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 288 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY SIMMONS, BOBACK, TOOHIL, METCALFE, READSHAW, JAMES, MACKENZIE, RYAN, MILLARD, BARRAR, OTTEN, HILL-EVANS, MIZGORSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, DeLUCA, TOEPEL, FREEMAN, STRUZZI, KORTZ, T. DAVIS, DRISCOLL AND SAYLOR, JANUARY 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 30, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family,
 3 further providing for the offense of concealing death of
 4 child.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4303(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
 9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 4303. Concealing death of child.

11 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor
 12 of the first degree] felony of the third degree if he or she as
 13 a parent, individual residing in the same household as the child
 14 or an individual responsible for the child's welfare endeavors
 15 privately, either alone or by the procurement of others, to
 16 conceal the death of [his or her] the child, so that it may not
 17 come to light, whether it was born dead or alive or whether it
 18 was murdered or not.

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2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "parent"
3 means a natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, guardian or
4 an individual involved in an intimate relationship with the
5 child's parent.

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