
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1655 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, CIRESI, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, HANBIDGE,
HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD, KENYATTA, MARKOSEK,
McCLINTON, McNEILL, MERSKI, READSHAW, SAINATO, SAPPEY,
SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, ULLMAN AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 19, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 19, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and
3 related offenses, providing for concurrent jurisdiction to
4 prosecute.

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

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

9 § 5562. Concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.

10 In addition to the authority conferred upon the Attorney
11 General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known
12 as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the Attorney General may
13 investigate and institute criminal proceedings for a violation
14 of this subchapter. A person charged with a violation of this
15 subchapter by the Attorney General may not challenge the
16 authority of the Attorney General to investigate or prosecute
17 the case and, if a challenge is made, the challenge shall be
18 dismissed and no relief shall be made available in the courts of

1 this Commonwealth to the person making the challenge.

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