
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 364 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, KILLION, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, FONTANA,
COSTA, K. WARD, HAYWOOD, MUTH, COLLETT, BOSCOLA, BARTOLOTTA,
BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE AND FARNESE, MARCH 4, 2019

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 4, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against public order and
3 decency, providing for the offense of attack on dog or cat
4 belonging to certain protected persons.

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 § 5535.1. Attack on dog or cat belonging to certain protected
10 persons.

11 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if:

12 (1) The person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly
13 kills, maims, disfigures, tortures or administers poison or
14 exposes a poisonous substance with intent to administer the
15 poison or poisonous substance to a dog or cat that is owned
16 by or resides with a person protected by an order issued
17 under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection from abuse)
18 or 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 62A (relating to protection of victims of

1 sexual violence or intimidation).

2 (2) The person committing the violation under paragraph
3 (1) is the subject of the order issued under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch.
4 61.

5 (b) Grading.--A violation of this section is a felony of the
6 third degree.

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