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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 429 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, MENTZER, CIRESI, FREEMAN AND  
PASHINSKI, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the  
3 offense of stalking.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2709.1(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2709.1. Stalking.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the crime of stalking  
10 when the person either:

11 (1) engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits  
12 acts toward another person, including following the person  
13 without proper authority, whether the other person has  
14 knowledge or not, under circumstances which demonstrate  
15 either an intent to place such other person in reasonable  
16 fear of bodily injury or to cause substantial emotional  
17 distress to such other person; or

18 (2) engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly

1 communicates to another person, whether the other person has  
2 knowledge or not, under circumstances which demonstrate or  
3 communicate either an intent to place such other person in  
4 reasonable fear of bodily injury or to cause substantial  
5 emotional distress to such other person.

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