
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SCHWEYER, LEE, RABB AND McNEILL, APRIL 16, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 16, 2021

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 2710(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2710. Ethnic intimidation.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of ethnic
10 intimidation if, with malicious intention toward the race,
11 color, religion, sexual orientation or national origin of
12 another individual or group of individuals, [he] the person
13 commits an offense under any other provision of this article or
14 under Chapter 33 (relating to arson, criminal mischief and other
15 property destruction) exclusive of section 3307 (relating to
16 institutional vandalism) [or], under section 3503 (relating to
17 criminal trespass) with respect to such individual or his or her

1 property or with respect to one or more members of such group or
2 to their property or under section 4906(a) (relating to false
3 reports to law enforcement authorities).

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