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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, providing for
3 confidentiality of personal information for public safety
4 officials.

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 § 7507.2. Confidentiality of personal information for public
10 safety officials.

11 (a) General rule.--

12 (1) No person shall publicly post, publicly display or
13 provide to a third party the home address or telephone number
14 of any public safety official or of any public safety
15 official's spouse or child knowing that the person is a
16 public safety official and that a third party is only seeking
17 information because of the public safety official's
18 occupation and may cause to harm or threaten to harm the
19 public safety official or the public safety official's spouse

1 or child.

2 (2) No person, business or association shall solicit,
3 sell or trade on the Internet the home address or telephone
4 number of a public safety official that may cause harm to the
5 public safety official or to any person residing at the
6 public safety official's home address.

7 (b) Penalty.--

8 (1) A violation of subsection (a) is a misdemeanor of
9 the third degree, if there is no bodily injury of the public
10 safety official or the person's spouse or child.

11 (2) A violation of subsection (a) that leads to the
12 bodily injury of the public safety official or the person's
13 spouse or child is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

14 (c) Right to action.--

15 (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a public safety
16 official whose home address or telephone number is solicited,
17 sold or traded in violation of this section may bring an
18 action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

19 (2) If a jury or court finds that a violation has
20 occurred, damages shall be awarded to the public safety
21 official in an amount up to a maximum of three times the
22 actual damages, but not less than \$2,000.

23 (d) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
24 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
25 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 "Public safety official." An individual referred to in
27 section 2702(c) (relating to aggravated assault), except
28 paragraphs (22), (26), (33) and (36). The term includes any
29 person who is determined to be a law enforcement officer for
30 purposes of the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as

1 the Right-to-Know Law. The term excludes an individual who is a
2 candidate for or holds an elective office.

3 "Publicly display" and "publicly post." To intentionally
4 communicate or otherwise make available to the general public,
5 including on the Internet.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.