
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 814 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, FLYNN, REGAN, SANTARSIERO, STEFANO,
BROWNE, LANGERHOLC, AUMENT, BAKER, BREWSTER AND BOSCOLA,
JULY 8, 2021

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JULY 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental
3 operations, providing for the offense of evading arrest or
4 detention on foot and for the offense of harming a police
5 animal while evading arrest or detention.

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

8 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

10 § 5104.2. Evading arrest or detention on foot.

11 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if the
12 person knowingly and intentionally flees on foot from a public
13 servant attempting to lawfully arrest or detain that person.

14 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is:

15 (1) A felony of the third degree where another person
16 suffers serious bodily injury as a direct result of a
17 violation of this section.

18 (2) A felony of the first degree if another person
19 suffers death as a direct result of a violation of this

1 section.

2 (3) Except as provided under paragraph (1) or (2), a
3 misdemeanor of the second degree.

4 § 5104.3. Harming a police animal while evading arrest or
5 detention.

6 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits an offense if, while
7 engaging in an act prohibited under section 5104 (relating to
8 resisting arrest or other law enforcement), 5104.1 (relating to
9 disarming law enforcement officer) or 5104.2 (relating to
10 evading arrest or detention on foot), the person harms a police
11 animal as defined in section 5531 (relating to definitions).

12 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section is:

13 (1) A felony of the second degree if the police animal
14 suffers serious bodily injury.

15 (2) A felony of the third degree if the police animal
16 suffers bodily injury.

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