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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 2702(d) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and subsection (c) is amended
8 by adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 2702. Aggravated assault.

10 * * *

11 (c) Officers, employees, etc., enumerated.--The officers,
12 agents, employees and other persons referred to in subsection
13 (a) shall be as follows:

14 * * *

15 (39) A health care practitioner.

16 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
18 subsection:

1 "Electric or electronic incapacitation device." A portable
2 device which is designed or intended by the manufacturer to be
3 used, offensively or defensively, to temporarily immobilize or
4 incapacitate persons by means of electric pulse or current,
5 including devices operated by means of carbon dioxide
6 propellant. The term does not include cattle prods, electric
7 fences or other electric devices when used in agricultural,
8 animal husbandry or food production activities.

9 "Emergency medical services personnel." The term includes,
10 but is not limited to, doctors, residents, interns, registered
11 nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse aides, ambulance
12 attendants and operators, paramedics, emergency medical
13 technicians and members of a hospital security force while
14 working within the scope of their employment.

15 "Health care practitioner." As defined in section 103 of the
16 act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care
17 Facilities Act.

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