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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 510 Session of  
2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense  
3 of threat against law enforcement officer or sheriff.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2702.2. Threat against law enforcement officer or sheriff.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person who threatens the following  
10 with death or serious bodily injury commits an offense under  
11 this section:

12 (1) A law enforcement officer.

13 (2) A sheriff or deputy sheriff.

14 (3) A family or household member of an individual under  
15 paragraph (1) or (2).

16 (b) Grading.--

17 (1) A first offense under this section constitutes a  
18 felony of the third degree.

1           (2) A second or subsequent offense under this section  
2           constitutes a felony of the second degree.

3           (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
4           words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
5           subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6           "Family or household member." Spouses or persons who have  
7           been spouses, persons living as spouses or who lived as spouses,  
8           parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or  
9           affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or  
10           persons who share biological parenthood.

11           "Law enforcement officer." As the term "peace officer" is  
12           defined under section 501 (relating to definitions).

13           "Serious bodily injury." Impairment of physical condition or  
14           substantial pain that creates a substantial risk of death or  
15           that causes serious permanent disfigurement or protracted loss  
16           or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ.

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