

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HADDOCK, PROBST, SCHLOSSBERG, HARKINS, SHAFFER,
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D. WILLIAMS, GILLEN, GREEN, RIVERA, INGLIS, PASHINSKI AND
MADDEN, OCTOBER 21, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 2702.1 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2702.1. Assault of [law enforcement officer] emergency
9 responder.

10 (a) Assault of [a law enforcement officer] emergency
11 responder.--

12 (1) A person commits a felony of the first degree who
13 attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily
14 injury to [a law enforcement officer] an emergency responder,
15 while in the performance of duty and with knowledge that the
16 victim is [a law enforcement officer] an emergency responder,
17 by discharging a firearm.

1 (2) Except as provided under sections 2703 (relating to
2 assault by prisoner), 2703.1 (relating to aggravated
3 harassment by prisoner) and 2704 (relating to assault by life
4 prisoner), a person is guilty of a felony of the third degree
5 if the person intentionally or knowingly causes or attempts
6 to cause [a law enforcement officer] an emergency responder,
7 while in the performance of duty and with knowledge that the
8 victim is [a law enforcement officer] an emergency responder,
9 to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, saliva, urine
10 or feces by throwing, tossing, spitting or expelling the
11 fluid or material.

12 (3) A person who commits an offense under paragraph (2)
13 shall be guilty of a felony of the second degree if:

14 (i) the person knew, had reason to know, should have
15 known or believed the fluid or material to have been
16 obtained from an individual, including the person charged
17 under this section, infected by a communicable disease
18 declared reportable by regulation authorized by the act
19 of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the
20 Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955; and

21 (ii) the communicable disease referenced in
22 subparagraph (i) is communicable to the [law enforcement
23 officer] emergency responder by the method used or
24 attempted to be used to cause the [law enforcement
25 officer] emergency responder to come into contact with
26 the blood, seminal fluid, saliva, urine or feces.

27 (b) Penalties.--Notwithstanding section 1103(1) (relating to
28 sentence of imprisonment for felony), a person convicted under
29 subsection (a)(1) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment
30 fixed by the court at not more than 40 years.

1 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection:

4 ["Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same
5 meaning as the term "peace officer" is given under section 501
6 (relating to definitions).]

7 "Emergency responder." As defined under 35 Pa.C.S. § 75A01
8 (relating to definitions).

9 "Firearm." As defined under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9712(e) (relating
10 to sentences for offenses committed with firearms).

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