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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 30 (Fish), 34 (Game)  
2 and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania  
3 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the  
4 offense of assault of law enforcement officer; and making  
5 editorial changes.

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

8 Section 1. Section 2702.1 heading, (a) and (c) of Title 18  
9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 2702.1. Assault of law enforcement officer or hospital  
11 security officer.

12 (a) Assault of a law enforcement officer or hospital  
13 security officer.--

14 (1) A person commits a felony of the first degree who  
15 attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly causes bodily  
16 injury to a law enforcement officer or hospital security  
17 officer, while in the performance of duty and with knowledge  
18 that the victim is a law enforcement officer or hospital

1 security officer, by discharging a firearm.

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

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

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

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

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29 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
30 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection:

2 "Hospital security officer." An employee of a hospital  
3 charged with maintaining the safety and security of the property  
4 of the hospital and the individuals on the property.

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

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

10 Section 2. Section 904(b) of Title 30 is amended to read:

11 § 904. Interference with officers.

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13 (b) Assaulting an officer.--A violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §§  
14 2702 (relating to aggravated assault), that involves a person  
15 listed under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(c) (38), and 2702.1 (relating to  
16 assault of law enforcement officer or hospital security officer)  
17 is an offense under this title, and the penalties set forth in  
18 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 2702 and 2702.1 shall apply.

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20 Section 3. Section 905.1 of Title 34 is amended to read:

21 § 905.1. Assaulting an officer.

22 A violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702 (relating to aggravated  
23 assault), that involves a person listed under 18 Pa.C.S. §§  
24 2702(c) (37), and 2702.1 (relating to assault of law enforcement  
25 officer or hospital security officer) is an offense under this  
26 title, and the penalties set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 2702 and  
27 2702.1 shall apply.

28 Section 4. Sections 9714(g) and 9719.1 heading and (a) of  
29 Title 42 are amended to read:

30 § 9714. Sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

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2 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "crime of  
3 violence" means murder of the third degree, voluntary  
4 manslaughter, manslaughter of a law enforcement officer as  
5 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2507(c) or (d) (relating to criminal  
6 homicide of law enforcement officer), murder of the third degree  
7 involving an unborn child as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604(c)  
8 (relating to murder of unborn child), aggravated assault of an  
9 unborn child as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2606 (relating to  
10 aggravated assault of unborn child), aggravated assault as  
11 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) or (2) (relating to  
12 aggravated assault), assault of law enforcement officer as  
13 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702.1(a)(1) (relating to assault of law  
14 enforcement officer or hospital security officer), use of  
15 weapons of mass destruction as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2716(b)  
16 (relating to weapons of mass destruction), terrorism as defined  
17 in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2717(b)(2) (relating to terrorism),  
18 strangulation when the offense is graded as a felony as defined  
19 in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718 (relating to strangulation), trafficking of  
20 persons when the offense is graded as a felony of the first  
21 degree as provided in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3011 (relating to trafficking  
22 in individuals), rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse,  
23 aggravated indecent assault, incest, sexual assault, arson  
24 endangering persons or aggravated arson as defined in 18 Pa.C.S.  
25 § 3301(a) or (a.1) (relating to arson and related offenses),  
26 ecoterrorism as classified in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3311(b)(3) (relating  
27 to ecoterrorism), kidnapping, burglary as defined in 18 Pa.C.S.  
28 § 3502(a)(1) (relating to burglary), robbery as defined in 18  
29 Pa.C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(i), (ii) or (iii) (relating to robbery), or  
30 robbery of a motor vehicle, drug delivery resulting in death as

1 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2506(a) (relating to drug delivery  
2 resulting in death), or criminal attempt, criminal conspiracy or  
3 criminal solicitation to commit murder or any of the offenses  
4 listed above, or an equivalent crime under the laws of this  
5 Commonwealth in effect at the time of the commission of that  
6 offense or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction.

7 § 9719.1. Sentences for offenses committed against law  
8 enforcement officer or hospital security officer.

9 (a) Mandatory sentence.--A person convicted of the following  
10 offense shall be sentenced to a mandatory term of imprisonment  
11 as follows:

12 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702.1(a)(1) (relating to assault of law  
13 enforcement officer or hospital security officer) - not less  
14 than 20 years.

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16 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.