

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further  
3 providing for definitions.

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "abuse" in section 6102(a) of  
7 Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to  
8 read:

9 § 6102. Definitions.

10 (a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used  
11 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this  
12 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Abuse." The occurrence of one or more of the following acts  
14 between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners  
15 or persons who share biological parenthood:

16 (1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or  
17 recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury,  
18 rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault,  
19 statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault,

1 indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon.

2 (2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent  
3 serious bodily injury.

4 (3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18  
5 Pa.C.S. § 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).

6 (4) Physically or sexually abusing minor children,  
7 including such terms as defined in Chapter 63 (relating to  
8 child protective services).

9 (5) Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or  
10 repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including  
11 following the person, without proper authority, under  
12 circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of  
13 bodily injury or causes substantial emotional distress to the  
14 person. The definition of this paragraph applies only to  
15 proceedings commenced under this title and is inapplicable to  
16 any criminal prosecutions commenced under Title 18 (relating  
17 to crimes and offenses).

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