

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation,  
3 providing for the offense of swatting.

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 § 4905.1. Swatting.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of  
10 swatting if by means of a telecommunications device or  
11 telecommunications service the person intentionally or knowingly  
12 makes or causes to be made a false report of a crime or medical  
13 or other emergency:

14 (1) To a law enforcement agency, firefighter, fire  
15 company, emergency medical services agency or provider, 911  
16 system operator or a government employee or contractor or an  
17 employee of a contractor who is authorized to receive a

1 report of a crime or medical or other emergency.

2 (2) Under circumstances where the report is reasonably  
3 likely to cause an emergency response and the report does  
4 cause an emergency response.

5 (b) Nonapplicability.--This section does not apply to a  
6 person conducting an authorized emergency drill.

7 (c) Grading.--

8 (1) Except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3), an  
9 offense under this section constitutes a felony of the third  
10 degree.

11 (2) If an individual suffers bodily injury in response  
12 to a false report, an offense under this section constitutes  
13 a felony of the second degree.

14 (3) If an individual suffers serious bodily injury in  
15 response to a false report, an offense under this section  
16 constitutes a felony of the first degree.

17 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
19 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Bodily injury." Impairment of physical condition or  
21 substantial pain.

22 "Serious bodily injury." Bodily injury which creates a  
23 substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent  
24 disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function  
25 of any bodily member or organ.

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