



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 510 Printer's No. 505

Prime Sponsor: Senator Reschenthaler  
Committee: Judiciary

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to establish the offense of threatening a law enforcement officer or sheriff.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Defines the new offense as threatening a law enforcement officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or a family or household member of the law enforcement officer or sheriff or deputy sheriff with death or serious bodily injury.

Grades a first offense as a felony of the third degree. Grades a second or subsequent offense as a felony of the second degree.

Defines "family or household member" as spouses, persons who have been spouses, parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood.

Defines "law enforcement officer" by reference to Section 501 as any person who by virtue of his office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for offenses, whether that duty extends to all offenses or is limited to specific offenses, or any person on active duty during a state of emergency.

Defines "serious bodily injury" as an impairment of a physical condition or substantial pain that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes serious permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This bill is effective in 60 days.

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

None.

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