

No. 2000-117

AN ACT

HB 2272

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retaliation against witness, victim or party.

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

Section 1. Section 4953 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 4953. Retaliation against [**witness or victim**] *witness, victim or party*.

(a) Offense defined.—A person commits an offense if he harms another by any unlawful act *or engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts which threaten another* in retaliation for anything lawfully done in the capacity of witness [or], victim *or a party in a civil matter*.

(b) Grading.—The offense is a felony of the third degree if the retaliation is accomplished by any of the means specified in section 4952(b)(1) through (5) (relating to intimidation of witnesses or victims). Otherwise the offense is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of December, A.D. 2000.

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