

No. 1990-7

AN ACT

HB 227

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of assault on sports official and for penalties for the offense; and further providing for the sale of tobacco.

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

Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2712. *Assault on sports official.*

(a) *Offense defined.*—A person who violates section 2701 (relating to simple assault), where the victim is a sports official who was assaulted during a sports event or was assaulted as a result of his or her official acts as a sports official, is guilty of assault on a sports official.

(b) *Grading.*—Assault on a sports official is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(c) *Definitions.*—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

“Sports event.” Any interscholastic athletic activity in a junior high school, high school, college or university in this Commonwealth or any other organized athletic activity in this Commonwealth, including a professional or semiprofessional event.

“Sports official.” A person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. The term includes a trainer, team attendant, game manager, athletic director, assistant athletic director, president, dean, headmaster, principal and assistant principal of a school, college or university.

Section 2. Section 6305 of Title 18 is amended to read:

§ 6305. Sale of tobacco.

(a) *Offense defined.*—A person is guilty of a summary offense if he:

(1) sells tobacco, in any form, to any minor under the age of [16 years, or] 18 years;

(2) by purchase, gift or other means, furnishes tobacco, in any form, to a minor under the age of [16 years.] 18 years; or

(3) knowingly and falsely represents himself to be 18 years of age or older to another for the purpose of procuring or having furnished to him tobacco in any form.

(b) *Penalty.*—A person who violates this section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25 for a first offense and not less than \$100 for a subsequent offense.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of February, A. D. 1990.

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