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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, WHITE, HOGAN, M. MACKENZIE,  
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STAATS, M. JONES, JOZWIAK, GILLEN AND ROWE, AUGUST 12, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 12, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for curfew.

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

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

7 § 6323. Curfew.

8 (a) Offense defined.--Notwithstanding any other provision of  
9 law and except as provided in subsection (b), a minor is guilty  
10 of a summary offense if the minor remains in a public place in a  
11 municipality during the hours of a curfew established by law or  
12 ordinance in the municipality.

13 (b) Affirmative defense.--It is an affirmative defense to a  
14 prosecution for an offense under subsection (a) that the minor  
15 was:

16 (1) accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or by  
17 another adult;

1           (2) traveling by motor vehicle, train, bus or other mode  
2 of transportation engaged in interstate travel;

3           (3) engaged in an employment activity or traveling home  
4 from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

5           (4) involved in an emergency; or

6           (5) in attendance at, or traveling home from, an  
7 official school activity, religious activity or other  
8 recreational activity sponsored by the Commonwealth, a civic  
9 organization or other similar entity.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Adult." An individual who is 18 years of age or older.

14 "Minor." An individual who is under 18 years of age.

15 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town  
16 or township.

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