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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 523 Session of  
2025

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INTRODUCED BY DELOZIER, M. JONES AND STENDER, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental  
3 operations, further providing for the offense of resisting  
4 arrest or other law enforcement.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5104 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5104. Resisting arrest or other law enforcement.

10 A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if, with  
11 the intent of preventing a public servant from effecting a  
12 lawful arrest or discharging any other duty, the person creates  
13 a [substantial] risk of bodily injury to the public servant or  
14 anyone else, or employs means justifying or requiring  
15 [substantial] force to overcome the resistance.

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