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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 78 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, FONTANA, DILLON, KANE,  
TARTAGLIONE AND COSTA, JANUARY 19, 2023

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 19, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation,  
3 further providing for false reports to law enforcement  
4 authorities.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4906(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
9 § 4906. False reports to law enforcement authorities.

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11 (c) Grading.--

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13 (3) If the violation of subsection (a) or (b) is based  
14 solely on the race or ethnicity of the alleged perpetrator of  
15 the crime or other incident within and not on actual  
16 suspicion that a crime has been or might be committed, the  
17 offense shall be graded as a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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