

No. 2017-9

AN ACT

HB 168

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights, further providing for wearing of uniforms and insignia.

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

Section 1. Section 6701 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 6701. Wearing of uniforms and insignia *and misrepresentation of military service or honors.*

*(a) Wearing of uniforms and insignia.*—A person is guilty of a summary offense if, without authority, he:

(1) wears or displays the uniform, decoration, insignia or other distinctive emblem of any branch of the armed forces of the United States or of any of the several states, or of any association, for the purpose of obtaining aid or profit, or while soliciting contributions or subscriptions; or

(2) wears an honorable discharge button issued or authorized by the United States.

*(b) Misrepresentation of military service or honors.*—*A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if, with intent to obtain money, property or other benefit, the person fraudulently holds himself out to be any of the following:*

*(1) A member or veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States or of any of the several states.*

*(2) The recipient of any decoration or medal authorized by the Congress of the United States for the armed forces of the United States or any of the service medals or any decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States or of any of the several states.*

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

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A.D. 2017

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