
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY FARRY, TARTAGLIONE, LANGERHOLC, KANE, BREWSTER,
COSTA, PENNYCUICK, ARGALL AND HAYWOOD, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation
3 of vehicles, providing for the offense of interference with
4 operation or movement of a public transit vehicle.

5 This act may be referred to as the Bernard N. Gribbin Law.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 3724. Interference with operation or movement of a public
11 transit vehicle.

12 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of interference
13 with the operation or movement of a public transit vehicle if
14 the person:

15 (1) Attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or
16 recklessly causes serious bodily injury or death to an
17 operator while in the performance of the operator's duty.

18 (2) Attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly
19 causes bodily injury to an operator while in the performance

1 of the operator's duty.

2 (3) Attempts to interfere or intentionally, knowingly or
3 recklessly interferes with an operator while in the
4 performance of the operator's duty that results in serious
5 bodily injury or death of another individual.

6 (4) Attempts to interfere or intentionally, knowingly or
7 recklessly interferes with an operator while in the
8 performance of the operator's duty that results in bodily
9 injury of another individual.

10 (5) Attempts by physical menace to put an operator,
11 while in the performance of the operator's duty, in fear of
12 imminent serious bodily injury or death.

13 (b) Penalties.--

14 (1) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a)
15 (1) or (3) commits a felony of the first degree.

16 (2) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (a)
17 (2), (4) or (5) commits a felony of the third degree.

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

21 "Operator." A driver, conductor, operations staff or
22 engineer on board the public transit vehicle.

23 "Public transit vehicle." A bus, mass transit vehicle,
24 commuter rail passenger transportation as defined under 49
25 U.S.C. § 24102 (relating to definitions), incline, light rail,
26 monorail, railroad passenger car, streetcar, subway, train,
27 trolley and a similar vehicle or system for the exclusive use of
28 public transportation.

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