

Pennsylvania House Bill No. 2709 (2020)

HB 2709 (2020) creates the crime of “Sexual Assault by a Peace Officer” and expands employment consequences for those convicted of the offense.

Creates new crime of “Sexual Assault by Peace Officer”

- Increases accountability by expanding the sexual misconduct for which law enforcement can be criminalized to include that which takes place during investigations, arrests, and incarceration.
- Ensures consent is not a defense to this new offense.

Expands employment consequences for those convicted of the offense

- Requires termination of employment for anyone convicted of “Sexual Assault by Peace Officer”.
- Makes anyone convicted ineligible for employment as a peace officer within:
 - any jurisdiction in the Commonwealth,
 - the Commonwealth Department of Corrections,
 - any county correctional facility,
 - youth organizations, and
 - vulnerable persons organizations.

