

SENATOR FOR A DAY MOCK LEGISLATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 5
Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY _____ May 14, 2026

REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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An Act providing for the offense of false alarms to agencies of public safety.

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

Section (1). A person commits the offense of false alarms to agencies of public safety if the person knowingly and intentionally makes or causes to be made a false report of a crime or medical or other emergency to a law enforcement agency, firefighter, fire company, emergency medical services agency, emergency medical services provider, 911 system operator or a government employee or contractor or an employee of a contractor who is authorized to receive a report of a crime or medical or other emergency.

Section (2). An offense under this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court may also order a person convicted under this section to pay the costs of responding to the false report, including the use of law enforcement officers or fire, medical or other emergency response personnel, vehicles and teams.

Section (3). The Attorney General shall have the authority to prosecute a violation under this section.

Section (4). This shall take effect in 60 days.