



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY
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PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

SENATE BILL 182

This bill proposes to include members of the armed services of the United States and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, as well as their spouses and minor dependent children, as a protected class of victims of assault. Membership in this group automatically upgrades what would likely be considered simple assault to the status of aggravated assault if the assault takes place while the victim is performing his or her duties. Public employees such as police officers, fire fighters, and elected officials are currently protected by this statute. Aggravated assault as defined by this statute involves attempting to intentionally cause bodily harm to a victim listed in the protected class or to put such a person in fear of imminent bodily harm through physical menace.