# **18 Pa.C.S. § 7616**

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**§ 7616. Distribution of computer virus.**

**(a) Offense defined. —** A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly sells, gives or otherwise distributes or possesses with the intent to sell, give or distribute computer software or a computer program that is designed or has the capability to:

**(1)** prevent, impede, control, delay or disrupt the normal operation or use of a computer, computer program, computer software, computer system, computer network, computer database, World Wide Web site or telecommunication device; or

**(2)** degrade, disable, damage or destroy the performance of a computer, computer program, computer software, computer system, computer network, computer database, World Wide Web site or telecommunication device or any combination thereof.

**(b) Grading. —** An offense under this section shall constitute a felony of the third degree.

**History**

Act 2002-226 (S.B. 1402), P.L. 1953, § 3, approved Dec. 16, 2002, eff. in 60 days.

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