

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 10

Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY ALDEN, LASHINGER, HAGARTY, PERZEL, ARTY, McVERRY,  
WILSON, MICOZZIE, SALVATORE, DURHAM, SPITZ, CIVERA AND  
GANNON, JANUARY 7, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 7, 1981

### AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the  
3 immunity of victims of rape and involuntary deviate sexual  
4 intercourse, and for the payment of certain expenses by the  
5 Commonwealth.

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

8 Section 1. Title 42, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,  
9 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 8336. Immunity of victims of rape or  
12 involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

13 (a) Civil action prohibited.--No person convicted of the  
14 crime of rape or involuntary deviate sexual intercourse shall  
15 bring or maintain any action against his victim for any act or  
16 omission relating to the offense for which he was convicted.

17 (b) Legal expenses.--The cost of all reasonable legal  
18 expenses incurred by a victim in defending against a civil  
19 action as described above shall be borne by the Commonwealth, if

1 the defendant is financially unable to bear the legal costs  
2 relating to the action.

3       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.