

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1177 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY PICKETT, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, J. EVANS, GINGRICH,
HENNESSEY, KAVULICH, KOTIK, MAJOR, MILLARD, STERN AND
STEVENSON, MARCH 23, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 23, 2011

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting celestite, more commonly
2 known as celestine, as the official State mineral of the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

5 (1) Celestite was first discovered near Frankstown,
6 Pennsylvania, in 1791 by Abraham G. Werner, who named the
7 mineral for its pale blue color.

8 (2) Celestite is unique in the mineral kingdom due to
9 its famous colorful combinations of minerals.

10 (3) Celestite has been found in Bellwood, Blair County;
11 East Salem, Juniata County; Lime Bluff, Lycoming County;
12 Meckley's Quarry, Northumberland County; Allenport,
13 Huntingdon County; and Faylors Middle Creek Quarry, Mifflin
14 County.

15 (4) The designating of a State mineral will provide a
16 positive experience to countless school children whose
17 interest in Pennsylvania history and geology will be piqued.
18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Official State mineral.

3 Celestite, a mineral appearing in blue-tinged or white
4 orthorhombic crystals or in fibrous masses, is hereby selected,
5 designated and adopted as the official State mineral of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

7 Section 2. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect immediately.