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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2348 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, ROTHMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, N. NELSON, BROOKS,  
SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, WARREN, PARKER, MADDEN, KINKEAD,  
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MARCH 8, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 8, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in visitation, providing for personal  
3 visitation; and making an editorial change.

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

6 Section 1. Subchapter A heading of Chapter 35 and section  
7 3503 of Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
8 amended to read:

9 SUBCHAPTER A

10 [(Reserved)] PERSONAL VISITATION

11 § 3503. [(Reserved).] Visitation rights.

12 (a) Personal visits.--Except as provided under this title,  
13 the following shall apply to visitation within a correctional  
14 institution:

15 (1) The correctional institution shall permit each  
16 inmate to meet with visitors in person at least twice per  
17 week.

1           (2) The correctional institution shall permit at least  
2 three individuals to attend each visit provided under  
3 paragraph (1).

4           (3) The correctional institution shall permit the inmate  
5 to meet with a visitor under paragraph (1) for no less than  
6 one hour.

7           (b) Video visitation.--Subsection (a) may not be construed  
8 to limit the use of video visitation, which shall be permitted  
9 in addition to the two visits per week provided under subsection  
10 (a).

11           (c) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply:

12           (1) during a lockdown of the correctional institution  
13 due to a health or safety emergency; or

14           (2) to an inmate who is not eligible to receive  
15 visitation due to the inmate's disciplinary status.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.