

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1085 Session of  
2009

INTRODUCED BY WATERS, YOUNGBLOOD, PARKER, BELFANTI, HALUSKA,  
KORTZ, MELIO, PAYNE, READSHAW, SIPTROTH AND VULAKOVICH,  
MARCH 24, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 24, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for jury  
3 instructions.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 4566. Jury instructions.

9 All instructions to a jury regarding applicable law and  
10 conduct of deliberations shall be in plain and understandable  
11 language. Each juror shall be provided with a written copy of  
12 the instructions for use during deliberations.

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