

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 8

Session of  
1983

INTRODUCED BY DOMBROWSKI, CAPPABIANCA, BOWSER, BOYES AND MERRY,  
JANUARY 24, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 24, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled  
2 "An act relating to marriage; and amending, revising,  
3 consolidating and changing the law relating thereto," fixing  
4 a legal age for common law marriage.

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

7 Section 1. Section 23 of the act of August 22, 1953  
8 (P.L.1344, No.383), known as The Marriage Law, is amended to  
9 read:

10 Section 23. Common Law Marriage.--Nothing herein contained  
11 shall be construed to change the existing law with regard to  
12 common law marriage, except with regard to the age of the  
13 parties. A common law marriage hereafter entered into when  
14 either of the parties is under sixteen years of age is void.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.