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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KILLION, DINNIMAN AND MCGARRIGLE, APRIL 13, 2017

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 13, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Designating quartz as the official State mineral of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

5 Section 1. Official State mineral.

6 (a) Findings.--

7 (1) Quartz is one of the most abundant minerals in this  
8 Commonwealth and can be found across Pennsylvania in many  
9 forms and colors.

10 (2) Quartz can occur as beautiful, clear, six-sided  
11 crystals called rock crystal. It can also occur as fine-  
12 grained masses called chalcedony, which forms flint.

13 (3) Various colors of quartz exist and are known by  
14 descriptive names such as smoky quartz and rose quartz.

15 (4) The earliest inhabitants of this Commonwealth used  
16 quartz to fashion arrowheads and cutting tools. The  
17 availability of quartz, as well the hardness of this mineral,  
18 made quartz a suitable raw material.

1           (5) Today, quartz is one of the most useful natural  
2 materials and is utilized for a multitude of purposes, from  
3 the manufacture of glass to the production of silicon  
4 semiconductors for the computer industry.

5       (b) Designation.--Quartz is hereby designated as the  
6 official State mineral of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
7 Section 2. Effective date.

8       This act shall take effect immediately.