

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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E. Z. TAYLOR, WATERS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN,
JUNE 19, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 19, 2001

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 4502 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4502. Qualifications of jurors.

9 (a) General rule.--Every citizen of this Commonwealth who is
10 of the required minimum age for voting for State or local
11 officials and who resides in the county shall be qualified to
12 serve as a juror therein unless such citizen:

13 (1) is unable to read, write, speak and understand the
14 English language;

15 (2) is incapable, by reason of mental or physical

1 infirmity, to render efficient jury service; or

2 (3) has been convicted of a crime punishable by
3 imprisonment for more than one year and has not been granted
4 a pardon or amnesty therefor.

5 (b) Definition.--For purposes of this section, "convicted of
6 a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year" does
7 not include a conviction for any offense under or violation of
8 the former act of May 1, 1929 (P.L.905, No.403), known as The
9 Vehicle Code, or the former act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58,
10 No.32), known as The Vehicle Code, which offense or violation,
11 if committed after July 1, 1977:

12 (1) is substantially similar to an offense currently
13 graded as a summary offense under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to
14 vehicles); or

15 (2) is not a violation of the other laws of this
16 Commonwealth.

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