

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 399 Session of  
2005

INTRODUCED BY BUXTON, CAPPELLI, BOYD, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE,  
CRAHALLA, FICHTER, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GRELL, KOTIK, LEDERER,  
MUNDY, PAYNE, READSHAW, B. SMITH, STABACK, TIGUE, VITALI AND  
SATHER, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for surviving spouse to resume  
3 prior name.

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

6 Section 1. Section 704.1 of Title 54 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes, added November 19, 2004 (P.L.842,  
8 No.105), is amended to read:

9 § 704.1. Surviving spouse may resume prior name.

10 A surviving spouse may, at any time, resume any prior surname  
11 used by him or her by filing a written notice to such effect in  
12 the office of the [clerk of courts of common pleas] prothonotary  
13 of the county where the surviving spouse resides, accompanied by  
14 a certificate of death for the decedent. In counties where there  
15 is no prothonotary, the notice shall be filed in the office that  
16 performs the functions of the office of prothonotary as provided  
17 for in the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The

1 County Code.

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