
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2741 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY MEHAFFIE, PICKETT, CORBIN, LEWIS, CHARLTON, HILL-
EVANS, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, DIGIROLAMO AND DALEY,
OCTOBER 18, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 18, 2018

AN ACT

1 Designating the amethyst as the official State gemstone of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

5 Section 1. Findings and declarations.

6 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

7 (1) Pennsylvania is well known for a variety of vast
8 deposits of minerals, including quartz, which is mined in
9 this Commonwealth.

10 (2) Amethyst is a vibrant, purple gemstone and the most
11 beautiful type of quartz.

12 (3) Amethyst appropriately represents Pennsylvania
13 because it is found in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and has
14 a captivating beauty.

15 (4) Amethyst is the focal point of the crown worn by the
16 winner of the Miss Pennsylvania pageant.

17 (5) The Miss Pennsylvania crown and the amethyst

1 gemstones featured in the crown have many unique connections
2 to Pennsylvania.

3 (6) The Miss Pennsylvania crown was commissioned by the
4 Pennsylvania Jewelers Association and handmade by
5 Pennsylvania resident and jeweler Jim Seitzer.

6 (7) The Miss Pennsylvania crown is encrusted with 92
7 carats of amethyst donated by jewelers throughout
8 Pennsylvania.

9 (8) The Miss Pennsylvania crown has a design which is
10 inspired by the keystone shape to pay homage to
11 Pennsylvania's nickname, "The Keystone State."

12 (9) Pennsylvania is nicknamed "The Keystone State"
13 because Pennsylvania was the middle colony of the original 13
14 American colonies.

15 (10) Accordingly, a 37 carat amethyst gemstone in the
16 shape of a keystone is at the center of the Miss Pennsylvania
17 crown.

18 (11) The official State plant of Pennsylvania is the
19 Penngift Crownvetch, commonly known as the "Purple Crown."

20 (12) It is fitting that Pennsylvania be represented by
21 the beauty of the attractive purple blooms of the "Purple
22 Crown" and the radiant purple amethyst gemstones of the
23 "Purple Crown" worn by Miss Pennsylvania.

24 Section 2. Official State gemstone.

25 Amethyst is hereby designated as the official State gemstone
26 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

27 Section 3. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect immediately.