

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 6, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and  
2 Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
3 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for  
4 definitions; and, in particular rights and immunities,  
5 further providing for death action.

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

8 Section 1. Section 103 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 103. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
13 provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when  
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

16 \* \* \*

17 "Person." Any individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
18 liability company, business trust, other association, government

1 entity, not including the Commonwealth, estate, trust or  
2 foundation. The term shall include an unborn child as defined in  
3 section 3203 (relating to definitions).

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5 Section 2. Section 8301 of Title 42 is amended by adding a  
6 subsection to read:

7 § 8301. Death action.

8 \* \* \*

9 (e) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
10 "individual" means a human being, including an individual  
11 organism of the species homo sapiens from fertilization until  
12 live birth.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.