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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 5, 2021

AN ACT

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for life imprisonment for homicide.

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

Section 1. Section 9715(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 9715. Life imprisonment for homicide.

(a) Mandatory life imprisonment.--Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9712 (relating to sentences for offenses committed with firearms), 9713 (relating to sentences for offenses committed on public transportation) or 9714 (relating to sentences for second and subsequent offenses), any person convicted of murder of the third degree or third degree murder of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604(c) (relating to murder of unborn child) in this Commonwealth who has previously been convicted at any time of murder [or voluntary manslaughter, murder of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604]
or voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2605 (relating to voluntary manslaughter of unborn child) in this Commonwealth or of the same or substantially equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction shall be sentenced to life imprisonment, notwithstanding any other provision of this title or other statute to the contrary.

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