

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2619

Session of  
1980

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the  
3 immunity of ~~rape~~ victims OF RAPE AND INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE <—  
4 SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES  
5 BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

8 Section 1. Title 42, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,  
9 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 8335. Immunity of ~~rape victim~~ VICTIMS OF RAPE OR <—  
12 INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.

13 (A) CIVIL ACTION PROHIBITED.--No person convicted of the <—  
14 crime of rape OR INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE shall <—  
15 bring or maintain any action against his victim for any act or  
16 omission relating to the offense for which he was convicted.

17 (B) LEGAL EXPENSES.--THE COST OF ALL REASONABLE LEGAL <—  
18 EXPENSES INCURRED BY A VICTIM IN DEFENDING AGAINST A CIVIL

1 ACTION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE SHALL BE BORNE BY THE COMMONWEALTH, IF  
2 THE DEFENDENT IS FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO BEAR THE LEGAL COSTS  
3 RELATING TO THE ACTION.

4       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.