
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SWEET, GALLAGHER, BURNS, WACHOB, COLAFELLA,
PIEVSKY, O'DONNELL AND GREENWOOD, JANUARY 26, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 26, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the
3 confidentiality of certain communications with sexual assault
4 counselors.

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

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

10 § 5945.1. Confidential communications to sexual assault
11 counselors.

12 No sexual assault counselor who is engaged in any office or
13 institution commonly known as a rape crisis center, whose
14 primary function is the rendering of advice or assistance to the
15 victim of a sexual assault who sought counseling concerning a
16 mental, physical or emotional condition caused by a sexual
17 assault shall, without written consent of the victim, disclose
18 in any civil or criminal proceeding any information whether

1 written or spoken, acquired in the course of his professional
2 services in behalf of such victim.

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