
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY A. K. HUTCHINSON, STAIRS AND PETRARCA,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 23, 1982

AN ACT

1 Providing for a time limit within which a person may be brought
2 to trial in a criminal matter.

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

5 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
6 contrary, trial in a court case in which a written complaint is
7 filed against a defendant after the effective date of this act
8 shall commence no later than 220 business days from the date on
9 which the complaint is filed.

10 Section 2. For the purposes of this act, trial shall be
11 deemed to commence on the date the trial judge calls the case to
12 trial.

13 Section 3. "Business days" as used in section 1 shall mean
14 any day, Monday through Friday, during which the courthouse is
15 open for regular business.

16 Section 4. The time limitations imposed under this act may
17 be extended by order of court upon showing of good cause by the

1 prosecuting attorney.

2 Section 5. The time limitations imposed by this act may also
3 be affirmatively waived by the defendant at any time and shall
4 be waived if the defendant requests a continuance.

5 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.