THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 52

Session of 1999

INTRODUCED BY MAYERNIK, STABACK, BARRAR, READSHAW, CORRIGAN, GIGLIOTTI, SOLOBAY AND ROSS, JANUARY 20, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 20, 1999

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for self-
- 3 representation.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 9303. Self-representation.
- 9 (a) General rule. -- A criminal defendant who waives the right
- 10 to counsel may not examine a witness who is the victim of the
- 11 crime. The court shall appoint counsel to conduct such
- 12 <u>examination on the defendant's behalf.</u>
- 13 (b) Applicability.--This section shall only apply in cases
- 14 where the crime is enumerated under 18 Pa.C.S. Pt. II Art. B
- 15 (relating to offenses involving danger to the person).
- 16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.