

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1018 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, DONATUCCI, EVERETT,
GILLEN, GINGRICH, GROVE, HESS, KORTZ, MILLARD, O'BRIEN,
PARKER, QUINN, ROCK, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG, SIMS, SWANGER,
WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 18, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 18, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting mutilation of female
3 genitalia.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
7 is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3131. Female mutilation.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits female mutilation
10 when:

11 (1) the person knowingly circumcises, excises or
12 infibulates the whole or any part of the genitalia of a
13 female; or

14 (2) the person is a parent, guardian or other person who
15 is legally responsible for and charged with the care or
16 custody of a female child 17 years of age or younger, and who
17 allows the circumcision, excision or infibulation of the

1 whole or any part of the female child's genitalia.

2 (b) Grading.--Female mutilation is a misdemeanor of the
3 first degree.

4 (c) Exception.--A surgical operation is not a violation of
5 this section if such operation is:

6 (1) necessary to the health of the person on whom it is
7 performed and either is performed by a licensed physician or
8 is performed in the presence of a licensed physician by a
9 person in training to become a licensed physician; or

10 (2) performed on a person in labor or who has just given
11 birth and is performed for medical reasons connected with
12 that labor or birth by a licensed physician, by a licensed
13 midwife or in the presence of a licensed physician by a
14 person in training to become a licensed physician.

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