

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2533 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY VEREB, MARSICO, CALTAGIRONE, TURZAI, STEPHENS,
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TOEPEL, BARRAR AND CORBIN, OCTOBER 3, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
2 entitled "An act providing for victims' rights; imposing
3 penalties; establishing remedies; establishing the Office of
4 Victim Advocate, the Bureau of Victims' Services, the
5 Victims' Services Advisory Committee, the State Offender
6 Supervision Fund and other funds; and making repeals,"
7 providing for revictimization relief.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111),
11 known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by adding a section
12 to read:

13 Section 1304. Revictimization relief.

14 (a) Action.--In addition to any other right of action and
15 any other remedy provided by law, a victim of a personal injury
16 crime may bring a civil action against an offender in any court
17 of competent jurisdiction to obtain injunctive and other
18 appropriate relief, including reasonable attorney fees and other
19 costs associated with the litigation, for conduct which
20 perpetuates the continuing effect of the crime on the victim.

1 (b) Redress on behalf of victim.--The district attorney of
2 the county in which a personal injury crime took place or the
3 Attorney General, after consulting with the district attorney,
4 may institute a civil action against an offender for injunctive
5 or other appropriate relief for conduct which perpetuates the
6 continuing effect of the crime on the victim.

7 (c) Injunctive relief.--Upon a showing of cause for the
8 issuance of injunctive relief, a court may issue special,
9 preliminary, permanent or any other injunctive relief as may be
10 appropriate under this section.

11 (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "conduct
12 which perpetuates the continuing effect of the crime on the
13 victim" includes conduct which causes a temporary or permanent
14 state of mental anguish.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.