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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1125 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY HAHN, PICKETT, GREINER, BAKER, IRVIN, FEE,  
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BLOOM, EVERETT, B. MILLER, KAUFFMAN, TOEPEL, RADER AND RAPP,  
APRIL 10, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 10, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further  
3 providing for life imprisonment for homicide.

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

6 Section 1. Section 9715(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 9715. Life imprisonment for homicide.

9 (a) Mandatory life imprisonment.--Notwithstanding the  
10 provisions of section 9712 (relating to sentences for offenses  
11 committed with firearms), 9713 (relating to sentences for  
12 offenses committed on public transportation) or 9714 (relating  
13 to sentences for second and subsequent offenses), any person  
14 convicted of murder of the third degree or third degree murder  
15 of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604(c) (relating to  
16 murder of unborn child) in this Commonwealth who has previously

1 been convicted at any time of murder [or], voluntary  
2 manslaughter, murder of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604  
3 or voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. §  
4 2605 (relating to voluntary manslaughter of unborn child) in  
5 this Commonwealth or of the same or substantially equivalent  
6 crime in any other jurisdiction shall be sentenced to life  
7 imprisonment, notwithstanding any other provision of this title  
8 or other statute to the contrary.

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