

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2297 Session of
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing
3 for female mutilation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3132 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding subsections to read:
8 § 3132. Female mutilation.

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10 (d.1) Additional penalty.--In addition to any other penalty
11 provided by law, the professional license of a physician found
12 guilty of an offense under this section shall be permanently
13 revoked upon conviction.

14 (d.2) Civil action.--The following shall apply:

15 (1) In addition to any other cause of action provided
16 under law, an individual who is a victim of female mutilation
17 may bring a civil action against any person that participated
18 in the female mutilation of the individual in the court of
19 common pleas of the county where the individual resides or

1 where any of the alleged violations of this section occurred.

2 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, an individual shall
3 bring a civil action under paragraph (1) within six years.

4 (d.3) Education and outreach.--The following shall apply:

5 (1) The Department of Health shall develop educational
6 training and outreach opportunities regarding female
7 mutilation for at-risk communities, as determined by the
8 Department of Health.

9 (2) The educational training developed under paragraph
10 (1) shall assist the following professionals to identify and
11 address female mutilation:

12 (i) Law enforcement officers.

13 (ii) Social workers.

14 (iii) Teachers.

15 (iv) Guidance counselors.

16 (v) Any other individual identified by the
17 Department of Health.

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