
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DELOZIER, KAUFFMAN, BOBACK, GUENST, JAMES,
MILLARD, PICKETT AND STAATS, MARCH 29, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 29, 2022

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," in
7 crime victims, providing for legal standing.

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

10 Section 1. Chapter 2 of the act of November 24, 1998
11 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, is amended by
12 adding a subchapter to read:

13 SUBCHAPTER C

14 LEGAL STANDING

15 Section 231. Crime victims.

16 A victim, or the Commonwealth on behalf of a victim, shall
17 have legal standing to assert and enforce a right enumerated in
18 this act or any other right afforded to the victim by law in a
19 trial or appellate court or before an official body with
20 jurisdiction over the victim's case.

1 Section 232. Construction.

2 Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to:

3 (1) Grant party status to a victim.

4 (2) Provide grounds for an individual accused of a crime
5 or act of delinquency to obtain any form of relief in the
6 proceeding in which the individual is accused of a crime or
7 act of delinquency.

8 (3) Create a cause of action for compensation or damages
9 against the Commonwealth, a political subdivision, officer,
10 employee or agent of the Commonwealth, a political
11 subdivision or an officer or employee of a court.

12 Section 233. Commonwealth waiver.

13 The Commonwealth may not waive a victim's rights on behalf of
14 the victim without a showing that the victim has knowingly
15 agreed to the waiver.

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