

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 395 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, HAMM, STAMBAUGH, SCHLEGEL CULVER,
M. JONES, M. BROWN, ZIMMERMAN, MOUL, GLEIM, B. MILLER, GILLEN
AND T. JONES, MARCH 14, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 14, 2023

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
17 been convicted at any time of murder [or], voluntary
18 manslaughter, murder of an unborn child under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604

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

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