
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2228 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY RIGBY, KEPHART, KAUFFMAN, SCHMITT, BERNSTINE,
E. NELSON, SMITH, M. MACKENZIE, R. MACKENZIE, ZIMMERMAN,
TOPPER, CABELL, BANTA, SCHEUREN, ARMANINI, MENTZER AND MOUL,
APRIL 24, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 24, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions
3 relating to criminal proceedings, providing for citizenship
4 status of criminal defendants.

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

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 8704. Citizenship status of criminal defendants.

10 An attorney for the Commonwealth shall notify United States
11 Immigration and Customs Enforcement if, at any point during the
12 course of a criminal proceeding, the attorney for the
13 Commonwealth obtains information reasonably indicating that a
14 criminal defendant is not a citizen of the United States or
15 otherwise has been present in this Commonwealth or the United
16 States in violation of 8 U.S.C. Ch. 12 (relating to immigration
17 and nationality).

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