
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1251 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY MURT, ACOSTA, BISHOP, BROWNLEE, COHEN, DEAN,
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MAY 28, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 28, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and
3 intellectual disability; authorizing county programs and
4 amending, revising and changing the laws relating thereto and
5 making an appropriation," further providing for the
6 definition of "mental disability."

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

9 Section 1. The definition of "mental disability" in section
10 102 of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6),
11 known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of
12 1966, amended November 22, 2011 (P.L.420, No.105), is amended to
13 read:

14 Section 102. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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16 "Mental disability" means any mental illness, mental
17 impairment or mental deficiency, which so lessens the capacity
18 of a person to use his customary self-control, judgment and
19 discretion in the conduct of his affairs and social relations as

1 to make it necessary or advisable for him to be under care as
2 provided in this act. An individual having experienced childhood
3 sexual abuse shall be included in this definition for purposes
4 of receiving services under this act. This term shall not
5 include senility, unless mental illness or an intellectual
6 disability is superimposed.

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