
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1314 Session of
2015

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 14, 2016

AN ACT

1 Designating quartz as the official State rock of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

5 Section 1. Official State rock.

6 (a) Findings.--

7 (1) Quartz is one of the most abundant minerals in this
8 Commonwealth and can be found across Pennsylvania in many
9 forms and colors.

10 (2) Quartz can occur as beautiful, clear, six-sided
11 crystals called rock crystal. It can also occur as fine-
12 grained masses called chalcedony, which forms flint.

13 (3) Various colors of quartz exist and are known by
14 descriptive names such as smoky quartz and rose quartz.

15 (4) The earliest inhabitants of this Commonwealth used
16 quartz to fashion arrowheads and cutting tools. The
17 availability of quartz, as well the hardness of this mineral,
18 made quartz a suitable raw material.

1 (5) Today, quartz is one of the most useful natural
2 materials and is utilized for a multitude of purposes, from
3 the manufacture of glass to the production of silicon
4 semiconductors for the computer industry.

5 (b) Designation.--Quartz is hereby designated as the
6 official State rock of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

7 Section 2. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect immediately.