



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 610 Printer's No. 686

Prime Sponsor: Senator Killion
Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Designates quartz as the official State mineral of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SUMMARY:

Quartz is one of the most abundant minerals in this Commonwealth and can be found across Pennsylvania in many forms and colors. The earliest Commonwealth inhabitants used quartz to fashion arrowheads and cutting tools. Today, quartz is one of the most useful natural materials and is used for many purposes, including glass manufacture and the production of silicon semiconductors for the computer industry.

Therefore, quartz is hereby designated as the official State mineral of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Effective Date: Immediately.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to State Government, April 13, 2017.

Similar legislation was introduced (SB1314) and referred to Senate State Government in the 2015-2016 legislative session.

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