
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1319 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, PHILLIPS-HILL, MUTH AND
SCAVELLO, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in representation of
3 litigants, further providing for penalty for unauthorized
4 practice of law.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2524(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 2524. Penalty for unauthorized practice of law.

11 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in [subsection (b)]
12 subsections (b) and (d), any person, including, but not limited
13 to, a paralegal or legal assistant, who within this Commonwealth
14 shall practice law, or who shall hold himself out to the public
15 as being entitled to practice law, or use or advertise the title
16 of lawyer, attorney at law, attorney and counselor at law,
17 counselor, or the equivalent in any language, in such a manner
18 as to convey the impression that he is a practitioner of the law
19 of any jurisdiction, without being an attorney at law or a

1 corporation complying with 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 29 (relating to
2 professional corporations), commits a misdemeanor of the third
3 degree upon a first violation. A second or subsequent violation
4 of this subsection constitutes a misdemeanor of the first
5 degree.

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7 (d) Diploma privilege.--A person does not violate subsection
8 (a) if admitted to practice law under diploma privilege as
9 enacted by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.