

No. 1990-145

AN ACT

SB 637

Providing for execution by means of lethal injection; and making a repeal.

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

Section 1. Method of execution.

When a death sentence has been affirmed by the Supreme Court, the punishment of death shall be inflicted by injecting the convict with a continuous, intravenous administration of a lethal quantity of an ultrashort-acting barbiturate in combination with a chemical paralytic agent approved by the Department of Corrections until death is pronounced by a licensed physician. Punishment shall be supervised by the warden or superintendent of the penitentiary designated by the Department of Corrections for the execution.

Section 2. Repeal.

Section 1 of the act of June 19, 1913 (P.L.528, No.338), entitled "An act fixing the penalty for murder of the first degree; regulating the procedure incident to the infliction thereof; prescribing and providing for a place and manner of inflicting said penalty on the grounds of the new Western Penitentiary of this Commonwealth, in Centre County; making an appropriation therefor; repealing inconsistent legislation; and providing that neither this act nor said repeal shall apply to any case in which it shall appear that said crime was committed prior to the date of the approval of this act," is repealed.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of November, A. D. 1990.

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