

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 708

Session of  
1975

INTRODUCED BY RHODES, HAMMOCK, M. E. MILLER JR. AND LEDERER,  
MARCH 12, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 17, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 2, 1968 (P.L.1144, No.358),  
2 entitled "An act to provide for the office of public  
3 defender, authorizing assistants and other personnel, and to  
4 provide adequate representation for persons who have been  
5 charged with an indictable offense or with being a juvenile  
6 delinquent, who for lack of sufficient funds are unable to  
7 obtain legal counsel," further providing for eligibility  
8 determinations.

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

11 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 6, act of December 2,  
12 1968 (P.L.1144, No.358), known as the "Public Defender Act,"  
13 amended December 10, 1974 (No.277), is amended to read:

14 Section 6. Duties.--\* \* \*

15 (b) [The public defender, after being satisfied of the  
16 person's inability to procure sufficient funds to obtain legal  
17 counsel to represent him, shall provide such counsel.]

18 Every person who requests legal counsel shall sign and submit  
19 to the court an affidavit that he is unable to procure  
20 sufficient funds to obtain legal counsel to represent him and  
21 shall provide, under oath, such other information as may be

1 required by the court [, the public defender,] or the  
2 Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.  
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