

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 506

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY DAWIDA, COWELL, PISTELLA, McVERRY, IRVIS, PRESTON,
TRELLO, MICHLOVIC, MARKOSEK, MAYERNIK AND ITKIN, MARCH 21,
1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 21, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), entitled "An
2 act relating to mental health procedures; providing for the
3 treatment and rights of mentally disabled persons, for
4 voluntary and involuntary examination and treatment and for
5 determinations affecting those charged with crime or under
6 sentence," further providing for payment of costs for
7 treatment.

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

10 Section 1. Section 408 of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817,
11 No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, added
12 November 26, 1978 (P.L.1362, No.324), is amended to read:

13 Section 408. Costs of Treatment.--[The Commonwealth shall
14 pay for the costs, payments or expenditures in excess of \$120
15 per day made on behalf of any person who is a resident of a
16 county located within the Commonwealth and who receives
17 treatment and for whom liability is imposed on the county
18 pursuant to section 505(a) of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd
19 Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental
20 Retardation Act of 1966." All costs up to and including \$120 per

1 day shall be imposed upon the county of his residence. In the
2 event that a residency cannot be determined to be in a county
3 within the Commonwealth by the court that convicted or sentenced
4 the person, all liability for treatment imposed by section
5 505(a) of the "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966"
6 shall be borne by the Commonwealth.] (a) The Commonwealth shall
7 pay for the costs, payments or expenditures on behalf of any
8 person who is a resident of a county located within the
9 Commonwealth and who receives observation, treatment and for
10 whom liability is imposed on the county pursuant to section 505
11 (a) and (b) of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess.,
12 P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental
13 Retardation Act of 1966."

14 (b) The Commonwealth shall pay for all charges which may be
15 accrued and unpaid for observation, treatment and for which
16 liability is imposed on the county pursuant to section 505 (a)
17 and (b) of the "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of
18 1966."

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.