

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1445 Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY KOSINSKI, WOGAN, RITTER, FREIND AND GEIST, JUNE 3,
1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, JUNE 3, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), entitled "An
2 act relating to the rights, obligations and liabilities of
3 landlord and tenant and of parties dealing with them and
4 amending, revising, changing and consolidating the law
5 relating thereto," providing for the attachment of wages of
6 certain tenants.

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

9 Section 1. Section 301 of the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69,
10 No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, is amended
11 to read:

12 Section 301. Recovery of Rent by Assumpsit.--Any landlord
13 may recover from a tenant rent in arrears in an action of
14 assumpsit as debts of similar amount are by law recoverable. In
15 any such action, interest at the legal rate on the amount of
16 rent due may be allowed if deemed equitable under the
17 circumstances of the particular case. If at any time a tenant is
18 in arrears in the payment of rent for residential purposes, the
19 court shall issue attachment proceedings in order to effect

1 payment of the arrearages, and attach no more than fifty per
2 cent of the wages of the judgment debtor.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.