

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2166 Session of  
1988

INTRODUCED BY HAGARTY, FOX AND LASHINGER, FEBRUARY 8, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 8, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 penalties for certain indirect criminal contempts.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4136(b) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4136. Rights of persons charged with certain indirect  
9 criminal contempts.

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11 (b) Punishment.--Except as otherwise provided in this title  
12 or by statute hereafter enacted, punishment for a contempt  
13 specified in subsection (a) may be by fine not exceeding [\$100]  
14 \$2,500 or by imprisonment not exceeding [15] 45 days in the jail  
15 of the county where the court is sitting, or both, in the  
16 discretion of the court. Where a person is committed to jail for  
17 the nonpayment of such a fine, he shall be discharged at the  
18 expiration of [15] 45 days, but where he is also committed for a

1 definite time, the [15] 45 days shall be computed from the  
2 expiration of the definite time.  
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.