THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 1038 Session of 1989

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 5, 1989

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for collection
- 3 of money in criminal actions.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 9728. Collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs,
- 9 fines and penalties.
- 10 All restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties
- 11 shall be collectible in any manner provided by law. However,
- 12 such restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties
- 13 are part of a criminal action or proceeding and shall not be
- 14 <u>deemed debts</u>. A sentence or pretrial disposition order for
- 15 restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines or penalties shall,

- 1 together with interest and any additional costs that may accrue,
- 2 <u>be a judgment upon the person or the property of the person</u>
- 3 <u>sentenced or subject to the pretrial disposition order. The</u>
- 4 <u>county probation department or other appropriate governmental</u>
- 5 agency shall, upon sentencing, transmit to the prothonotaries of
- 6 the respective counties certified copies of all judgments for
- 7 restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties, and
- 8 <u>it shall be the duty of each prothonotary to enter and docket</u>
- 9 the same of record in his office and to index the same as
- 10 judgments are indexed, without requiring the payment of costs as
- 11 <u>a condition precedent to the entry thereof. The total amount for</u>
- 12 which the person is liable pursuant to this section may be
- 13 entered as a judgment upon the person or the property of the
- 14 person sentenced, regardless of whether the amount has been
- 15 ordered to be paid in installments. Notwithstanding 18 Pa.C.S. §
- 16 1106(c)(2) (relating to restitution for injuries to person or
- 17 property), the period of time during which such judgments shall
- 18 have full effect may exceed the maximum term of imprisonment to
- 19 which the offender could have been sentenced for the crimes of
- 20 which he was convicted. However, this section shall not affect
- 21 contempt proceedings mandated by 18 Pa.C.S. § 1106(f).
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.