

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 967 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY RUBLEY, DENT, M. N. WRIGHT, ITKIN, STABACK,
BELARDI, ARGALL, HERSHEY, CAWLEY, STERN, STURLA, CARONE,
RAYMOND, GEIST, MASLAND, SERAFINI, GLADECK, VAN HORNE,
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STEELMAN, CIVERA, McNAUGHTON, PETRONE, ROSS AND BROWNE,
MARCH 25, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, MARCH 25, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as
2 reenacted and amended, "An act concerning townships of the
3 second class; and amending, revising, consolidating and
4 changing the law relating thereto," providing for collection
5 of penalties for violating certain ordinances.

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

8 Section 1. The act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as
9 The Second Class Township Code, reenacted and amended November
10 9, 1995 (P.L.350, No.60), is amended by adding a section to
11 read:

12 Section 1601.1. Collection of Penalties for Violations of
13 Building, Housing, Property Maintenance, Health, Fire or Public
14 Safety Ordinance.--(a) No fine or penalty shall exceed one
15 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a violation of a building,
16 housing, property maintenance, health, fire or public safety
17 ordinance, except as provided in subsection (c).

1 (b) After thirty days from the initial charge, each day that
2 the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.
3 If the violation remains unabated after ninety days from the
4 initial charge, the owner of the real property in violation may
5 surrender title to the township in lieu of payment of the
6 accrued penalties.

7 (c) Any person charged for a violation who fails, without
8 just cause, to begin abatement of the violation within ninety
9 days commits a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon
10 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than two
11 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and to imprisonment for
12 not more than one year.

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