

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for willful failure
3 to pay support orders.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4354(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4354. Willful failure to pay support order.

9 (a) Offense defined.--An individual who willfully fails to
10 comply with a support order of a court of this Commonwealth when
11 the individual has the financial ability to comply with the
12 support order commits a [summary offense] felony of the third
13 degree.

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15 Section 2. The amendment of 23 Pa.C.S. § 4354(a) shall apply
16 to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this
17 act.

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.