THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS, STAATS, MURT, BENNINGHOFF, READSHAW, COX, IRVIN, KNOWLES, BLOOM, B. MILLER, TAYLOR, BAKER, MILLARD, A. HARRIS, GABLER, NEILSON, LAWRENCE, DEASY AND D. COSTA, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

AN ACT

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the 1 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further 2 providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, 3 costs, fines and penalties. 4 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 6 hereby enacts as follows: 7 Section 1. Section 9728(b)(5) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: 8 9 § 9728. Collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, 10 fines and penalties. 11 12 (b) Procedure. --13 14 The [county correctional facility to which the 15 offender has been sentenced or the] Department of Corrections 16 or the correctional facility to which the offender has been 17 <u>sentenced</u> shall [be authorized to] make monetary deductions [from] of at least 25% of the offender's wages and 50% of all 18

- deposits made to inmate personal accounts for the purpose of
- 2 collecting restitution [or], costs imposed under section
- 3 <u>9721(c.1), filing fees to be collected under section 6602(c)</u>
- 4 <u>(relating to prisoner filing fees) and</u> any other court-
- 5 ordered obligation [or costs imposed under section
- 6 9721(c.1)]. <u>Deductions under this paragraph shall be in</u>
- 7 <u>addition to the full amount authorized to be collected</u>
- 8 <u>pursuant to any order for support.</u> Any amount deducted shall
- 9 be transmitted by the Department of Corrections or the county
- 10 correctional facility to the probation department of the
- 11 county or other agent designated by the county commissioners
- of the county with the approval of the president judge of the
- county in which the offender was convicted. [The] <u>Each county</u>
- correctional facility, in consultation with the Department of
- 15 Corrections, shall develop guidelines relating to its
- responsibilities under this paragraph. The guidelines shall
- 17 be incorporated into any contract entered into with a
- 18 <u>correctional facility</u>.
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- 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.