

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2142 Session of  
1993

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, OLASZ, ROBINSON, McNALLY, TRELLO, PISTELLA  
AND MICHLOVIC, OCTOBER 6, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 6, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20, No. 14), entitled "An  
2 act for the government of cities of the second class,"  
3 providing for police power to arrest.

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

6 Section 1. Article III of the act of March 7, 1901 (P.L.20,  
7 No.14), referred to as the Second Class City Law, is amended by  
8 adding a section to read:

9 ARTICLE III.

10 Department of Public Safety.

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12 Section 2. Each police officer shall have the power to make  
13 arrests without warrant and upon view when the offense is a  
14 felony or misdemeanor committed in the presence of the police  
15 officer or when there is probable cause that a felony or  
16 misdemeanor has been committed. A police officer shall issue  
17 citations, summons and trial notices for summary offenses and  
18 ordinance violations. A police officer may make arrests for

1 summary offenses and ordinance violations where:

2 I. The person could not provide satisfactory evidence of  
3 personal identification.

4 II. The person arrested was so intoxicated that he or she  
5 could have been a danger to himself or herself or to others.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.