

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, DAWIDA, SEVENTY, MURPHY, PETRONE,
PRESTON, ITKIN AND IRVIS, JULY 21, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 21, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 Pittsburgh Magistrates Court.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1143(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1143. Jurisdiction and venue.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise prescribed by any
10 general rule adopted pursuant to section 503 (relating to
11 reassignment of matters) the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court shall
12 have jurisdiction of all of the following matters:

13 (1) Criminal complaints accusing any person of the
14 commission of any felony or misdemeanor, where such felony or
15 misdemeanor has been committed within the corporate limits of
16 the City of Pittsburgh, and to issue warrants for the arrest
17 of such person so accused, administer oaths and hold
18 preliminary hearings in all such cases, and commit to jail,

1 or bind over for trial or discharge such accused person, as
2 the evidence produced at such hearing may warrant. The court
3 shall have power to admit to bail as prescribed by general
4 rules.

5 (2) Arrests upon view, or upon complaint made and
6 warrant issued, by the police of the City of Pittsburgh, of
7 persons who may be found engaged in or be charged with
8 drunkenness, disorderly conduct, selling liquor contrary to
9 law, maintaining a disorderly house or bawdy house, lewd,
10 indecent or lascivious behavior on the streets or elsewhere,
11 gambling, creating riots or disturbances, vagrants, beggars,
12 prostitutes, disturbers of the public peace, known or reputed
13 pickpockets, burglars, thieves, watch stuffers, cheating,
14 swindling, persons who abuse their families, and suspicious
15 persons who can give no reasonable account of themselves, or
16 violating any of the laws or ordinances of such city.

17 (3) Civil claims for the recovery of fines and penalties
18 imposed by any ordinance of the City of Pittsburgh, or by any
19 ordinance or regulation relating to housing and health
20 administered and enforced by a county health department where
21 a violation takes place in such city, and cases of summary
22 conviction arising under the laws and ordinances of or
23 applicable to such city and under the laws, ordinances, rules
24 and regulations relating to housing and health administered
25 and enforced by a county department of health where a
26 violation takes place in such city, with full power to hear
27 the said cases, administer oaths or affirmations therein,
28 decide the same, issue injunctions in cases relating to
29 housing, enforce the penalty, collect the fine or commit to
30 prison as the case may be according to the provisions of the

1 law and ordinances applicable thereto.

2 (4) Matters within the jurisdiction of the court when
3 sitting as the Traffic Court of Pittsburgh.

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