

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 983 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, NEUMAN, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CORBIN, DAVIS, FREEMAN, A. HARRIS, IRVIN, LONGIETTI, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, STEPHENS, STURLA, TOEPEL AND WARD, MARCH 28, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in alimony and support, further
 3 providing for alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and
 4 expenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3702 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3702. Alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and expenses.

10 (a) General rule.--In proper cases, upon petition, the court
 11 may allow a spouse reasonable alimony pendente lite, spousal
 12 support and reasonable counsel fees and expenses. Reasonable
 13 counsel fees and expenses may be allowed pendente lite, and the
 14 court shall also have authority to direct that adequate health
 15 and hospitalization insurance coverage be maintained for the
 16 dependent spouse pendente lite.

17 (b) Exception.--Except where necessary to prevent manifest
 18 injustice, the court shall not allow alimony pendente lite or

1 spousal support for the benefit of a party who has been
2 convicted of a personal injury crime against the other party.
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.