

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 224

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INTRODUCED BY HILL, MURRAY, HOWARD, O'PAKE, SCANLON, ZEMPRELLI,
COPPERSMITH, HOLL AND SWEENEY, FEBRUARY 7, 1977

SENATOR SCANLON, AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION,
MARCH 14, 1977

AN ACT

1 Granting the discretionary right to trial judges to dispose of
2 post trial motions in ~~civil and~~ criminal cases at the
3 rendition of the verdict. <—

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

6 Section 1. Immediately after a verdict is received, the
7 trial judge may require motions for a new trial, ~~for judgment~~ <—
8 ~~non obstante veredicto~~, and in arrest of judgment, to be
9 presented and argued forthwith; and, in the event the motions
10 are dismissed, judgment shall thereupon be entered on the
11 verdict.

12 In any case in which motions are argued forthwith, a party
13 shall be permitted to present, on a subsequent appeal, any issue
14 or matter which was properly and timely raised during the course
15 of or prior to the trial.

16 Section 2. The trial judge may in his discretion give leave
17 for the filing of such motions within such time as he shall fix.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.