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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 16, 1992

AN ACT

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for municipal 2 3 court jurisdiction over landlord-tenant cases; further providing for the establishment of fees and charges and for constable fees; imposing a criminal laboratory user fee; 5 6 providing for disposition of revenues generated by the fee; 7 PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AND FOR OTHER REMEDIES RELATING TO DRUG-RELATED NUISANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR 8 PROCEDURE, FOR INJUNCTIONS AND FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE 9 10 COURTS; and making repeals. 11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 12 Section 1. Section 1123(a)(3) of Title 42 of the 13 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: 14 § 1123. Jurisdiction and venue. 15 General rule. -- Except as otherwise prescribed by any 16 17 general rule adopted pursuant to section 503 (relating to 18 reassignment of matters), the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall

have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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- 1 (3) Matters arising under the act of April 6, 1951
- 2 (P.L.69, No.20), known as ["] The Landlord and Tenant Act of
- 3 1951.["] The judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall
- 4 <u>have the power to enter judgments exceeding \$5,000 in matters</u>
- 5 <u>arising under this subsection.</u>
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- 7 Section 2. Section 1725 of Title 42 is amended by adding
- 8 subsections to read:
- 9 § 1725. Establishment of fees and charges.
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- 11 (c) Counties of the first class. -- In counties of the first
- 12 <u>class:</u>
- 13 (1) There shall be charged and set apart by the officer
- receiving the fees fixed in this section and remitted monthly
- to the treasurer of the bar association or other nonprofit
- 16 corporation operating the public law library of such county,
- 17 an amount equal to 30% of the filing fees at the time in
- 18 effect for the probate of wills, the issue of letters
- 19 testamentary, the issue of letters of administration and the
- 20 <u>filing of accounts with the register of wills, the filing of</u>
- 21 accounts of trustees and quardians in the court of common
- 22 pleas of the county and of all filings in the office of the
- 23 prothonotary of the county.
- 24 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to
- any actions taken or initiated by any political subdivision.
- 26 (3) The written receipt for the moneys of the treasurer
- of the bar association or nonprofit corporation shall be the
- 28 <u>only legal discharge of the officer.</u>
- 29 <u>(4) The Department of General Services shall annually,</u>
- 30 and free of charge, distribute to the treasurer of each bar

1	association or nonprofit corporation for the use of its	
2	library, 60 copies of the Laws of Pennsylvania for the	
3	purpose of enabling the library to exchange a copy of the	
4	laws for a copy of similar publications of other states and	
5	of the territories of the United States.	
6	(5) The following fees shall be received by the clerks	<
7	of orphans' courts of counties of the first class:	
8	(i) The following fees shall be charged for the	
9	filing of accounts of quardians and trustees based upon	
10	the size of the estate:	
11	Estate not exceeding \$1,000 \$14.00	
12	Each additional \$1,000 or fraction	
13	thereof over \$1,000, but not exceeding	
14	\$10,000 <u>7.00</u>	
15	Over \$10,000, but not exceeding	
16	\$25,000 <u>140.00</u>	
17	Over \$25,000, but not exceeding	
18	<u>\$100,000</u> <u>279.00</u>	
19	Over \$100,000, but not exceeding	
20	\$500,000 <u>419.00</u>	
21	Over \$500,000, but not exceeding	
22	<u>\$1,000,000</u> <u>559.00</u>	
23	Each additional \$500,000 or fraction	
24	<u>thereof over \$1,000,000</u> <u>300.00</u>	
25	(ii) The following fees shall be	
26	charged for the indicated activity or	
27	<u>function:</u>	
28	<u>Affidavit</u> \$3.00	
29	Appeal to Supreme Court 35.00	
30	<u>Attachment</u>	

1	Auditor's report	14.00
2	Bond	7.00
3	Bond, refunding	7.00
4	Claim of creditor	7.00
5	Copy of any record, per page	3.00
6	Disclaimer	7.00
7	Docket entries, per page	<u>8.00</u>
8	Election to take under or against will.	7.00
9	Exceptions to adjudication, opinion and	
10	decree or master's or auditor's report	14.00
11	Execution of deed by clerk	14.00
12	Excerpt from schedule and	
13	certification	7.00
14	Exemplification of any record	7.00
15	Exemption, petition for	7.00
16	Family settlement:	
17	not exceeding three pages	25.00
18	each additional page	<u>6.00</u>
19	<u>Guardian</u> , appointment of:	
20	not exceeding \$2,500	14.00
21	exceeding \$2,500	35.00
22	Inventory, guardian's	<u>3.00</u>
23	Marriage license	<u>5.00</u>
24	(Plus \$10.00 surcharge for	
25	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)	
26	Consent of parent or guardian	<u>3.00</u>
27	Appointment of temporary guardian	3.00
28	Master's report	13.00
29	Petition and decree	14.00
30	Petition and decree for citation	28.00

1	Pleading (other than petition):	
2	answer to preliminary objections or	
3	<u>exceptions</u>	00
4	Preliminary objections 14.	00
5	Satisfaction of award, each 3.	00
6	Short certificate	00
7	Stipulation 14.	00
8	<u>Subpoena</u>	00
9	(6) The clerk of orphans' courts of counties of the	
10	first class are authorized to establish fees for services	
11	required by statute or rule of court which are not	
12	specifically provided for in paragraph (5). Any such	
13	additional fees shall be the same as those imposed for	
14	similar services. The clerks shall not be required to perfo	rm
15	any service until the requisite fee is paid.	
16	(5) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL BE RECEIVED BY THE CLERKS	<
17	OF ORPHANS' COURTS OF COUNTIES OF THE FIRST CLASS:	
18	(I) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL BE CHARGED FOR THE	
19	FILING OF ACCOUNTS OF GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES BASED UPON	
20	THE SIZE OF THE ESTATE:	
21	ESTATE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 \$14.	00
22	EACH ADDITIONAL \$1,000 OR FRACTION	
23	THEREOF OVER \$1,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING	
24	\$10,000	00
25	OVER \$10,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING	
26	\$25,000	00
27	OVER \$25,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING	
28	\$100,000	00
29	OVER \$100,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING	
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1	OVER \$500,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING	
2	\$1,000,000	<u>559.00</u>
3	EACH ADDITIONAL \$500,000 OR FRACTION	
4	THEREOF OVER \$1,000,000	300.00
5	(II) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL BE	
6	CHARGED FOR THE INDICATED ACTIVITY OR	
7	FUNCTION:	
8	AFFIDAVIT	\$3.00
9	APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT	<u>35.00</u>
10	ATTACHMENT	3.00
11	AUDITOR'S REPORT	14.00
12	BOND	7.00
13	BOND, REFUNDING	7.00
14	CLAIM OF CREDITOR	7.00
15	COPY OF ANY RECORD, PER PAGE	3.00
16	DISCLAIMER	7.00
17	DOCKET ENTRIES, PER PAGE	8.00
18	ELECTION TO TAKE UNDER OR AGAINST WILL.	7.00
19	EXCEPTIONS TO ADJUDICATION, OPINION AND	
20	DECREE OR MASTER'S OR AUDITOR'S REPORT	14.00
21	EXECUTION OF DEED BY CLERK	14.00
22	EXCERPT FROM SCHEDULE AND	
23	CERTIFICATION	7.00
24	EXEMPLIFICATION OF ANY RECORD	<u>7.00</u>
25	EXEMPTION, PETITION FOR	<u>7.00</u>
26	FAMILY SETTLEMENT:	
27	NOT EXCEEDING THREE PAGES	<u>25.00</u>
28	EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE	<u>6.00</u>
29	GUARDIAN, APPOINTMENT OF:	
30	NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500	14.00

1	EXCEEDING \$2,500	
2	INVENTORY, GUARDIAN'S	
3	MARRIAGE LICENSE	
4	(PLUS \$10.00 SURCHARGE FOR	
5	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
6	CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN 3.00	
7	APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN 3.00	
8	<u>MASTER'S REPORT</u> 13.00	
9	PETITION AND DECREE 14.00	
10	PETITION AND DECREE FOR CITATION 28.00	
11	PLEADING (OTHER THAN PETITION):	
12	ANSWER TO PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS OR	
13	<u>EXCEPTIONS</u>	
14	PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS 14.00	
15	SATISFACTION OF AWARD, EACH 3.00	
16	SHORT CERTIFICATE	
17	<u>STIPULATION</u>	
18	<u>SUBPOENA</u>	
19	(6) THE CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURTS OF COUNTIES OF THE	
20	FIRST CLASS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SERVICES	
21	REQUIRED BY STATUTE OR RULE OF COURT WHICH ARE NOT	
22	SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (5). ANY SUCH	
23	ADDITIONAL FEES SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE IMPOSED FOR	
24	SIMILAR SERVICES. THE CLERKS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM	
25	ANY SERVICE UNTIL THE REQUISITE FEE IS PAID.	
26	(d) Counties of the second class In counties of the second	
27	class, the prothonotary and the clerk of the orphans' court	
28	division shall set apart from the fees fixed in this section or	
29	under any other statute and collected by them on the following	
30	actions, proceedings and appeals and remit monthly the total	
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- 1 collected to the county treasurer for the exclusive use and
- 2 benefit of the public law library in the county.
- 3 (1) The sum of \$1 for appeals to the court of common
- 4 pleas from any administrative agency, independent agency,
- 5 government unit, government agency or Commonwealth agency.
- 6 (2) The sum of \$1 for appeals that are filed with or are
- 7 to be heard by the court of common pleas which appeals are
- 8 not specifically set forth in paragraph (1), including, but
- 9 <u>not limited to, appeals from district justices, the</u>
- 10 <u>Pittsburgh Magistrates Court and the Traffic Court of</u>
- 11 <u>Pittsburgh.</u>
- 12 (3) The sum of \$1 for appointments of Boards of View.
- 13 (4) The sum of \$1 for certiorari to district justices
- and the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court and the Traffic Court of
- 15 Pittsburgh.
- 16 (5) The sum of \$1 for the commencement of a civil action
- 17 or proceeding.
- 18 (6) The sum of \$1 for the filing of a praecipe for and
- 19 issuance of a writ of execution or attachment.
- 20 (7) The sum of \$1 for the entry of a judgment by
- 21 <u>confession or otherwise.</u>
- 22 (8) The sum of \$1 for the filing of adversary and
- 23 amicable scire facias proceedings.
- 24 (9) The sum of \$1 for every filing with respect to
- 25 <u>fictitious names, whether individual or corporate.</u>
- 26 (10) The sum of \$1 for the probate of a will, the
- 27 issuance of letters of administration, or a petition for
- 28 <u>disposition of decedents estates independent of the issuance</u>
- of letters testamentary or of administration.
- 30 (11) The sum of \$1 for the filing of an account of

- 1 <u>fiduciary in the office of the clerk of the orphans' court</u>
- division or in the office of the prothonotary.
- 3 (12) The sum of \$1 for the filing of a petition for a
- 4 writ of habeas corpus for the custody of a minor child or a
- 5 petition for the award of custody of a minor child.
- 6 (13) The sum of \$1 for the filing of a praecipe for the
- 7 <u>issuance of miscellaneous writs, for the filing of a petition</u>
- 8 for a citation or for the filing of a caveat not specifically

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- 9 <u>provided for in this subsection.</u>
- 10 (E) COUNTIES OF THE SECOND CLASS A.--IN COUNTIES OF THE
- 11 SECOND CLASS A, THE PROTHONOTARY, THE REGISTER OF WILLS AND THE
- 12 CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL SET APART FROM THE FEES FIXED IN THIS
- 13 <u>SECTION OR UNDER ANY OTHER STATUTE AND COLLECTED BY THEM ON THE</u>
- 14 FOLLOWING ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS, AND REMIT MONTHLY THE TOTAL
- 15 COLLECTED TO THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE AND
- 16 BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC LAW LIBRARY IN THE COUNTY, IF THE COUNTY
- 17 COMMISSIONERS SO REQUEST AND IN THE AMOUNT THEY SO REQUEST:
- 18 (1) THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN \$5, NOR MORE THAN \$40, FOR
- 19 THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CIVIL ACTION OR PROCEEDING.
- 20 (2) THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN \$5, NOR MORE THAN \$40, FOR
- THE PROBATE OF A WILL, THE ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF
- 22 ADMINISTRATION OR ANY PETITION FOR DISPOSITION OF DECEDENTS
- 23 ESTATES INDEPENDENT OF THE ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
- OR OF ADMINISTRATION.
- 25 (3) THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN \$5, NOR MORE THAN \$40, FOR
- 26 EACH MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY CASE PROCESSED BY THE CLERK OF
- 27 COURTS.
- 28 Section 3. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 29 § 1725.3. Criminal laboratory user fee.
- 30 (a) Imposition. -- A person who is placed on probation without

- 1 verdict pursuant to section 17 of the act of April 14, 1972
- 2 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
- 3 <u>Device and Cosmetic Act, or who receives Accelerated</u>
- 4 Rehabilitative Disposition or who pleads guilty to or nolo
- 5 contendere to or who is convicted of a crime as defined in 18
- 6 Pa.C.S. § 106 (relating to classes of offenses) or 75 Pa.C.S. §
- 7 3731 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or
- 8 <u>controlled substance</u>) or 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle
- 9 <u>while driving under influence</u>) or a violation of The Controlled
- 10 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, shall, in addition to
- 11 any fines, penalties or costs, in every case where laboratory
- 12 <u>services were required to prosecute the crime or violation, be</u>
- 13 <u>sentenced to pay a criminal laboratory user fee which shall</u>
- 14 include, but not be limited to, the cost of sending a laboratory
- 15 <u>technician to court proceedings</u>.
- 16 (b) Amount of user fee.--
- 17 (1) Where the prosecution is conducted in a county of
- 18 the first class or a county of the second class and the
- 19 county operates a county laboratory that has provided
- 20 <u>services in the prosecution, the director or similar officer</u>
- of the county laboratory shall determine the actual cost of
- 22 the laboratory services provided in the prosecution and
- 23 transmit a statement for services rendered to the court. If a
- 24 <u>county of the first class or a county of the second class</u>
- 25 does not operate a county laboratory and laboratory services
- in the prosecution were provided by the Pennsylvania State
- 27 Police, the fee shall be determined under paragraph (2).
- 28 (2) Where the prosecution is conducted in a county other
- 29 than a county of the first class or a county of the second
- 30 class and a Pennsylvania State Police laboratory has provided

- 1 <u>services in the prosecution, the director or similar officer</u>
- of the Pennsylvania State Police laboratory shall determine
- 3 the actual cost of the laboratory services provided in the
- 4 prosecution and transmit a statement for services rendered to
- 5 the court.
- 6 (c) Disposition of fees.--
- 7 (1) In a county of the first class or a county of the
- 8 <u>second class that operates a county laboratory, the criminal</u>
- 9 <u>laboratory user fee shall be paid to the county and shall be</u>
- 10 <u>used solely for operation and maintenance of the county</u>
- 11 laboratory. If a county of the first class or a county of the
- 12 <u>second class does not operate a county laboratory, the</u>
- criminal laboratory user fee shall be paid into the Criminal
- 14 Laboratory User Fee Fund created under paragraph (2).
- 15 (2) In a county other than a county of the first class
- or a county of the second class, or where a county of the
- 17 first class or a county of the second class does not operate
- 18 a county laboratory, the criminal laboratory user fee shall
- 19 be paid into a special nonlapsing fund of the State Treasury,
- 20 <u>which is hereby established and shall be known as the</u>
- 21 Criminal Laboratory User Fee Fund. Money in the Criminal
- 22 Laboratory User Fee Fund is hereby appropriated to the
- 23 Pennsylvania State Police and shall be used solely for
- 24 <u>operation and maintenance of Pennsylvania State Police</u>
- 25 criminal laboratories.
- 26 (d) Other laws.--The criminal laboratory user fee shall be
- 27 imposed notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 28 contrary.
- 29 Section 4. Section 2947 of Title 42 is reenacted and amended <-
- 30 to read:

- 1 § 2947. Fees.
- 2 (a) General rule. Constables and deputy constables shall
- 3 be compensated for performing judicial duties by the payment of
- 4 fees as set forth in this section and shall be paid according to
- 5 law for performing other duties.]
- 6 (b) Travel or mileage. Actual mileage for travel by motor
- 7 vehicle shall be reimbursed at a rate equal to the highest rate
- 8 allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. If travel is by other
- 9 than motor vehicle, reimbursement shall be for actual, vouchered
- 10 travel expenses.
- 11 (c) Apportionment. If more than one defendant is
- 12 transported simultaneously, reimbursements shall be for actual
- 13 miles traveled, and the cost shall be divided between or among
- 14 the defendants.
- 15 (d) Additional persons. A constable or deputy constable,
- 16 when he is transporting a prisoner, serving a warrant in a court
- 17 case or serving a warrant on a defendant of the opposite sex,
- 18 may, at his discretion, be accompanied by a second constable or
- 19 deputy constable [who is certified pursuant to section 2943
- 20 (relating to certification) to perform judicial duties]. In such
- 21 cases, each officer shall receive the fee set out in this
- 22 section. In all other civil and criminal cases, the issuing
- 23 authority may authorize such payment to a second such officer.
- 24 (e) Civil cases. In civil cases, constable fees must be
- 25 paid in advance to the court for services desired to be
- 26 performed. Such fees shall not be refundable to the plaintiff if
- 27 a case is settled or a debt is satisfied less than 48 hours
- 28 prior to a scheduled sale or ejectment, in which latter case the
- 29 constable or deputy constable shall be paid for [a nonforcible]
- 30 holding the sale or carrying out an ejectment, respectively.

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       (f) Payment. Fees shall be paid by the court to the
    constable as soon as possible and in every case not more than
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    [30] 15 days after the latter of the following occurs:
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           (1) the service is performed; and
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           (2) the request for payment is submitted.
       (g) Specific fees. Fees in civil cases shall be as follows:
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           (1) For serving complaint, summons or notice on suitor
       or tenant, either personally or by leaving a copy, $10 plus
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       $5 for each additional defendant at the same address.
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           (2) For serving subpoenas, $10 for the first witness
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       plus $2.50 for each additional witness at the same address.]
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           (3) For levying goods, including schedule of property
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       levied upon and set aside, $35.
           (4) For advertising personal property to public sale, $5
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       per posting (maximum of $15) plus actual cost of advertising.
           (5) For selling goods levied, $35.
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           (6) For clerk hired at sales, $20.
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           (7) For making return of not found or nulla bona (no
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       <del>goods), $10.</del>
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           (8) For executing order of possession, $10.
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           (9) For [nonforcible] ejectment [on order of possession,
       $35], $70.
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           [(10) For forcible ejectment, $70.]
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           (11) For making return of service, other than not found
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       or nulla bona (no goods), $2.50.
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           (12) For providing [court ordered] courtroom security as
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       ordered, $10 per hour, prorated to the nearest whole dollar,
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       assessed against one or more parties as determined by the
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       court.
       (h) Criminal cases. Fees in criminal cases shall be as
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1	follows:
2	(1) For executing a warrant or for effectuating the
3	payment of fines and costs by attempting to execute a
4	<u>warrant</u> , \$15 per warrant.
5	(2) For taking custody of a defendant, \$5 per defendant.
6	(3) For conveyance of defendant to or from court, \$5 per
7	defendant.
8	(4) For attendance at arraignment or hearing, \$5 per
9	defendant.
L O	(5) For executing discharge, \$5 per defendant.
L1	(6) For executing commitment, \$5 per defendant
L2	(7) For executing release, \$5 per defendant.
L3	(8) For making returns to the court [of process served
L 4	or non est inventus (not found)], \$2.50.
L5	(9) [Pursuant to a policy established by the president
L6	judge] For holding a defendant while awaiting the arrival of
L 7	the district justice at the office of the district justice,
L8	\$10 per defendant per hour beyond the first half hour,
L9	assessed to the court.
20	(10) For conveying defendants for fingerprinting, \$5 per
21	defendant.
22	(11) For <u>fingerprinting</u> or overseeing the fingerprinting
23	of defendants at the direction of the district justice, [\$5]
24	\$10 per defendant, plus \$10 per defendant per hour beyond the
25	first half hour.
26	(12) For providing [court ordered] courtroom security as
27	ordered, \$10 per hour, prorated to the nearest whole dollar,
28	assessed against one or more parties as determined by the
29	court.
30	(13) For serving subpoenas, \$10 for the first witness,

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- 1 plus \$2.50 for each additional witness at the same address.
- 2 The same fee shall be payable for attempting to serve a
- 3 subpoena at a wrong address supplied by the party requesting
- 4 the service.
- 5 (i) Similar fees. For civil and criminal services not
- 6 specifically provided for, the court shall pay the same fees as
- 7 it pays for services that it determines to be similar to those
- 8 performed.
- 9 (j) Assessment by court. In all criminal cases wherein the
- 10 defendant is discharged or indigent, or the case is otherwise
- 11 dismissed, the court shall assess to the county the fee [and the
- 12 surcharge] provided in [subsection (1)] this section, except
- 13 that, in cases of private criminal complaints wherein the
- 14 defendant is discharged prior to the indictment or the filing of
- 15 any information or the case is otherwise dismissed at the
- 16 summary offense hearing, the court shall assess the fee [and
- 17 surcharge to the affiant.
- 18 [(k) Adjustment of fees. The Administrative Office may
- 19 raise the above fees and add new categories and fees from time
- 20 to time as it deems fair and just for the performance of
- 21 judicial duties provided by law.
- 22 (1) Surcharge. There is hereby assessed a surcharge of \$2
- 23 on each fee payable for the performance of judicial duties to
- 24 every constable or deputy constable who is certified pursuant to
- 25 section 2943 to perform judicial duties. This surcharge is
- 26 imposed on each individual service for which a fee is provided,
- 27 including each hour for which an hourly rate is to be paid.
- 28 Moneys collected pursuant to this subsection shall be turned
- 29 over monthly by the issuing authority to the county treasurer of
- 30 the county in which the issuing authority serves.

- 1 (m) Special account. There is hereby established a special
- 2 restricted receipts account within the General Fund of the State
- 3 Treasury, which shall be known as the Constables' Education and
- 4 Training Account, for the purpose of financing expenses and
- 5 costs of administration by the board and other direct costs
- 6 associated with the program and continuing education courses
- 7 established pursuant to this subchapter. No funds from this
- 8 special account shall be used except for costs associated with
- 9 the program and continuing education courses established
- 10 pursuant to this subchapter and in no event shall be used by the
- 11 court administrator or the Administrative Office of the
- 12 Pennsylvania Courts for any purpose whatsoever.
- 13 (n) Disposition of funds. The moneys collected by county
- 14 treasurers under subsection (1) shall be forwarded monthly by
- 15 each county treasurer to the Department of Revenue for deposit
- 16 into the special account. None of these moneys shall be
- 17 transferred by the State Treasurer to another account or fund.
- 18 (o) Appropriations.
- 19 (1) For the 1990 1991 fiscal year, all moneys deposited
- 20 in the special account established under subsection (m) are
- 21 hereby appropriated to the Court Administrator of
- 22 Pennsylvania to be used for the constable education and
- 23 training program as set forth in subsection (m).
- 24 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991, and each
- 25 year thereafter, the General Assembly shall appropriate to
- 26 the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania from the special
- 27 account established under subsection (m) such funds as may be
- 28 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.
- 29 (p) Disbursements. Disbursements from the account shall be
- 30 made only by the Administrative Office.

- 1 (q) Audit. The Auditor General shall conduct an audit of
- 2 the account as he may deem necessary or advisable from time to
- 3 time.
- 4 SECTION 4. CHAPTER 83 OF TITLE 42 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A <---
- 5 SUBCHAPTER TO READ:
- 6 CHAPTER 83
- 7 PARTICULAR RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES
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- 9 SUBCHAPTER H
- 10 DRUG NUISANCES
- 11 SEC.
- 12 8381. SHORT TITLE OF SUBCHAPTER.
- 13 8382. DEFINITIONS.
- 14 8383. ACTION TO ABATE.
- 15 8384. COMPLAINT.
- 16 8385. SERVICE OF ORIGINAL PROCESS.
- 17 8386. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.
- 18 8387. PROTECTION OF WITNESSES.
- 19 8388. SECURITY.
- 20 8389. JUDGMENT AND REMEDIES.
- 21 8390. VIOLATION OF INJUNCTIONS OR ABATEMENT ORDER.
- 22 8391. RELEASE AND CANCELLATION.
- 23 8392. SEVERABILITY.
- 24 § 8381. SHORT TITLE OF SUBCHAPTER.
- THIS SUBCHAPTER SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE DRUG
- 26 NUISANCE LAW.
- 27 § 8382. DEFINITIONS.
- THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS SUBCHAPTER
- 29 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
- 30 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

- 1 "COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION." ANY GROUP AFFILIATED WITH OR
- 2 ORGANIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE OR MORE COMMUNITIES OR
- 3 NEIGHBORHOODS, OR ANY GROUP ORGANIZED TO BENEFIT THE QUALITY OF
- 4 LIFE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA.
- 5 "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT." THE ACT OF APRIL 14, 1972
- 6 (P.L.233, NO.64), KNOWN AS THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DRUG,
- 7 DEVICE AND COSMETIC ACT.
- 8 "DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE." THE USE OF ANY PROPERTY, IN WHOLE
- 9 OR IN PART, WHICH FACILITATES OR IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE ANY
- 10 VIOLATION OF THE ACT OF APRIL 14, 1972 (P.L.233, NO.64), KNOWN
- 11 AS THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC ACT, OR
- 12 SIMILAR ACT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER STATE.
- "MANUFACTURE" OR "MANUFACTURING." THE PRODUCTION,
- 14 PREPARATION, PROPAGATION, COMPOUNDING, CONVERSION OR PROCESSING
- 15 OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, OTHER DRUG OR DEVICE OR THE PACKAGING
- 16 OR REPACKAGING OF SUCH SUBSTANCE OR ARTICLE, OR THE LABELING OR
- 17 RELABELING OF THE COMMERCIAL CONTAINER OF SUCH SUBSTANCE OR
- 18 ARTICLE, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ACTIVITIES OF A PRACTITIONER
- 19 WHO, AS AN INCIDENT TO HIS ADMINISTRATION OR DISPENSING SUCH
- 20 SUBSTANCE OR ARTICLE IN THE COURSE OF HIS PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE,
- 21 PREPARES, COMPOUNDS, PACKAGES OR LABELS SUCH SUBSTANCE OR
- 22 ARTICLE. THE TERM "MANUFACTURER" MEANS A PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES
- 23 A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, OTHER DRUG OR DEVICE.
- 24 "OWNER." AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, TRUST
- 25 ASSOCIATION, JOINT VENTURE OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY IN WHOM
- 26 IS VESTED ALL OR ANY PART OF THE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY ALLEGED
- 27 TO BE A DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE.
- 28 "PROPERTY." ANY TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, INCLUDING
- 29 AN INTEREST IN ANY LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR REAL ESTATE, SUCH AS
- 30 ANY HOUSE, APARTMENT BUILDING, CONDOMINIUM, COOPERATIVE, OFFICE

- 1 BUILDING, STORE, RESTAURANT, TAVERN, NIGHTCLUB OR WAREHOUSE, AND
- 2 THE LAND EXTENDING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOT UPON WHICH THE
- 3 STRUCTURE IS SITUATED AND ANYTHING GROWING ON, AFFIXED OR FOUND
- 4 ON THE LAND.
- 5 "TENANT." A PERSON WHO RESIDES IN OR OCCUPIES REAL PROPERTY
- 6 BELONGING TO ANOTHER PERSON PURSUANT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT OR
- 7 COMMON LAW TENANCY.
- 8 § 8383. ACTION TO ABATE.
- 9 WHEREVER THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A DRUG-RELATED
- 10 NUISANCE EXISTS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IF <---
- 11 REQUESTED BY A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE SOLICITOR FOR THE COUNTY
- 12 OR MUNICIPALITY, A RESIDENT WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE PROPERTY,
- 13 INCLUDING A TENANT OF THE PROPERTY, THE OWNER OF PROPERTY OR ANY
- 14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION MAY FILE AN ACTION IN THE COURT OF
- 15 COMMON PLEAS TO ABATE, ENJOIN AND PREVENT THE DRUG-RELATED
- 16 NUISANCE. SUCH ACTIONS SHALL BE COMMENCED BY THE FILING OF A
- 17 COMPLAINT ALLEGING THE FACTS CONSTITUTING THE DRUG-RELATED
- 18 NUISANCE.
- 19 § 8384. COMPLAINT.
- 20 (A) ADVERSE IMPACT.--THE COMPLAINT OR AN AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED
- 21 THERETO SHALL DESCRIBE THE ADVERSE IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH THE
- 22 DRUG NUISANCE UPON THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. ADVERSE IMPACT
- 23 INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PRESENCE OF ANY ONE OR MORE OF
- 24 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- 25 (1) DIMINISHED PROPERTY VALUE.
- 26 (2) INCREASED FEAR OF RESIDENTS TO WALK THROUGH AND IN
- 27 PUBLIC AREAS, INCLUDING SIDEWALKS AND STREETS, INCREASED
- VOLUME OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE
- 29 PROPERTY.
- 30 (3) AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE OR POLICE

- 1 CALLS TO THE PROPERTY WHICH ARE RELATED TO THE USE OF DRUGS
- 2 OR TO VIOLENCE STEMMING FROM ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.
- 3 (4) INCREASED NOISE, BOTHERSOME SOLICITORS OR APPROACHES
- 4 BY PERSONS WISHING TO SELL DRUGS OR SOLICIT THE DONATION OF
- 5 MONEY ON OR NEAR THE PROPERTY.
- 6 (5) THE DISPLAY OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON OR NEAR THE
- 7 PROPERTY.
- 8 (6) THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS ON OR NEAR THE PROPERTY.
- 9 (7) SEARCH WARRANTS SERVED ON TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF
- 10 THE PROPERTY WHICH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS.
- 11 (8) INVESTIGATIVE PURCHASES OF DRUGS ON OR NEAR THE
- 12 PROPERTY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
- 13 (9) ARRESTS OF PERSON ON OR NEAR THE PROPERTY FOR
- 14 VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS.
- 15 (10) HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS RELATING TO THE PROPERTY.
- 16 (11) HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS RELATING TO THE PROPERTY.
- 17 (12) ACCUMULATED TRASH AND REFUSE IN COMMON AREAS ON OR
- 18 ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY.
- 19 (13) AN UNSECURED ENTRYWAY ON THE PROPERTY.
- 20 (B) ATTEMPTS TO NOTIFY OWNER.--THE COMPLAINT SHALL CONTAIN A
- 21 DESCRIPTION OF WHAT ATTEMPTS, IF ANY, HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE
- 22 PLAINTIFF OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY TO NOTIFY THE OWNER OF
- 23 THE PROPERTY OF THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE OR RESULTING ADVERSE
- 24 IMPACT.
- 25 § 8385. SERVICE OF ORIGINAL PROCESS.
- 26 (A) GENERAL RULE. -- A COPY OF THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SHALL
- 27 BE SERVED UPON THE DEFENDANT AT LEAST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR
- 28 TO THE FIRST HEARING IN THE ACTION. SERVICE OF ORIGINAL PROCESS
- 29 SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF CIVIL
- 30 PROCEDURE.

- 1 (B) POSTING AT PROPERTY. -- IF PERSONAL SERVICE CANNOT BE
- 2 MADE, SERVICE MAY BE MADE BY POSTING THE PAPERS AT THE PROPERTY.
- 3 IF SERVICE IS MADE BY POSTING AT THE PROPERTY, A COPY OF THE
- 4 SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SHALL BE MAILED REGISTERED MAIL, TO THE
- 5 LAST KNOWN MAIL ADDRESS, IF ANY, OF THE DEFENDANT. ACTUAL
- 6 RECEIPT OF THE REGISTERED MAIL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR
- 7 SERVICE.
- 8 § 8386. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.
- 9 UPON THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO
- 10 ABATE THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE, THE PLAINTIFF SHALL BE ENTITLED
- 11 TO A HEARING ON THE MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WITHIN 10
- 12 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE FILING. IF IT SHALL BE MADE TO APPEAR, BY
- 13 AFFIDAVIT OR OTHERWISE, THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD
- 14 THAT THE PLAINTIFF WILL SHOW AT TRIAL, BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE
- 15 EVIDENCE, THAT DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE EXISTS, THE COURT SHALL
- 16 ENTER AN ORDER PRELIMINARILY ENJOINING THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE
- 17 AND GRANTING SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS THE COURT MAY DEEM TO BE
- 18 APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING THOSE REMEDIES PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 8.
- 19 WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE TRIAL OF THE ACTION
- 20 ON THE MERITS ADVANCED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH THE HEARING OF THE
- 21 MOTION. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE
- 22 APPLICATION FOR OR THE GRANTING OF A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
- 23 ORDER.
- 24 § 8387. PROTECTION OF WITNESSES.
- 25 AT THE TIME OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A
- 26 RESTRAINING ORDER OR AN INJUNCTION, IF PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF
- 27 THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE DEPENDS, IN WHOLE OR PART, UPON THE
- 28 AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES WHO ARE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,
- 29 UPON A SHOWING OF PRIOR THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE
- 30 BY ANY DEFENDANT OR OTHER PERSON ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE

- 1 DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE, THE COURT MAY ISSUE ORDERS TO PROTECT
- 2 THOSE WITNESSES, PROVIDING FOR NONDISCLOSURE OF THE NAME,
- 3 ADDRESS OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE
- 4 WITNESSES, AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE COURT MAY
- 5 DEEM APPROPRIATE.
- 6 § 8388. SECURITY.
- 7 NO BOND SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ISSUE A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
- 8 OR SPECIAL INJUNCTION SOUGHT BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR THE
- 9 SOLICITOR FOR THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY. A BOND IN AN AMOUNT
- 10 FIXED AND WITH SECURITY APPROVED BY THE COURT MAY BE REQUIRED TO
- 11 ISSUE A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION OR SPECIAL INJUNCTION WHEN THE
- 12 PLAINTIFF IS NOT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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- 13 OR A SOLICITOR FOR THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY. WHERE SUCH RELIEF
- 14 IS ISSUED AFTER AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING AT WHICH WITNESSES ARE
- 15 SUBJECT TO CROSS EXAMINATION, THE COURT SHALL NOT REQUIRE A BOND
- 16 IN EXCESS OF \$500.
- 17 § 8389. JUDGMENT AND REMEDIES.
- 18 (A) BURDEN OF PROOF. -- THE PLAINTIFF MUST ESTABLISH THAT A
- 19 DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE EXISTS BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.
- 20 (B) RELIEF.--IF THE EXISTENCE OF A DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE IS
- 21 FOUND, THE JUDGMENT MAY INCLUDE ACTUAL DAMAGES AND A TEMPORARY
- 22 OR PERMANENT INJUNCTION TO RESTRAIN, ABATE AND PREVENT THE
- 23 CONTINUANCE OR RECURRENCE OF THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE. THE
- 24 COURT MAY GRANT DECLARATORY RELIEF, MANDATORY ORDERS OR ANY
- 25 OTHER RELIEF DEEMED NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE
- 26 INJUNCTION OR ORDER AND ENFORCE THE SAME, AND THE COURT MAY
- 27 RETAIN JURISDICTION OF THE CASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING ITS
- 28 ORDERS.
- 29 (C) ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.--IF THE EXISTENCE OF A DRUG-RELATED
- 30 NUISANCE IS FOUND, THE COURT SHALL HAVE THE POWER ADDITIONALLY

- 1 TO FASHION ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REMEDIES:
- 2 (1) ASSESS COSTS OF THE ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.
- 3 (2) WHEN A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY IS A PLAINTIFF IN THE
- 4 ACTION, ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST THE DEFENDANT OF NOT
- 5 LESS THAN \$500 NOR MORE THAN \$10,000.
- 6 (3) ORDER THE OWNER TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY AND MAKE
- 7 REPAIRS UPON THE PROPERTY.
- 8 (4) SUSPEND OR REVOKE ANY BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL,
- 9 OPERATIONAL OR LIQUOR LICENSE.
- 10 (5) ORDER THE OWNER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REASONABLE
- 11 EXPENDITURES UPON THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
- 12 TO, INSTALLING SECURE LOCKS ON DOORS, INCREASING LIGHTING IN
- 13 COMMON AREAS AND USING VIDEOTAPED SURVEILLANCE OF THE
- 14 PROPERTY AND ADJACENT ALLEYWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOTS.
- 15 (6) ORDER ALL RENTAL INCOME FROM THE PROPERTY TO BE
- 16 PLACED IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH THE COURT FOR UP TO 90 DAYS
- 17 OR UNTIL THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE IS ABATED.
- 18 (7) ORDER ALL RENTAL INCOME FOR THE PROPERTY TRANSFERRED
- 19 TO A TRUSTEE, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COURT, WHO SHALL BE
- 20 EMPOWERED TO USE THE RENTAL INCOME TO MAKE REASONABLE
- 21 EXPENDITURES UPON THE PROPERTY IN ORDER TO ABATE THE DRUG-
- 22 RELATED NUISANCE.
- 23 (8) ORDER THE SUSPENSION OF ANY STATE, CITY OR LOCAL
- GOVERNMENTAL SUBSIDIES PAYABLE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY,
- 25 SUCH AS TENANT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO LANDLORDS, UNTIL THE
- 26 NUISANCE IS ABATED.
- 27 (9) ALLOW THE PLAINTIFF TO SEAL THE PROPERTY WITH THE
- 28 COST OF SEALING PAYABLE BY THE DEFENDANT.
- 29 (10) ORDER THE DEFENDANT TO PAY THE PLAINTIFF THE COST
- 30 OF THE SUIT, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES.

- 1 (D) FACTORS TO CONSIDER. -- IN MAKING AN ORDER UNDER
- 2 SUBSECTION (C), THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHERS, THE
- 3 FOLLOWING FACTORS:
- 4 (1) THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RESIDING AT THE PROPERTY.
- 5 (2) THE PROXIMITY OF THE PROPERTY TO OTHER RESIDENTIAL
- 6 STRUCTURES.
- 7 (3) THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN CITED FOR
- 8 HOUSING CODE OR HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS.
- 9 (4) THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE OWNER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF
- 10 DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS AT THE PROPERTY.
- 11 (5) THE EXTENT AND DURATION OF THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE
- 12 AT THE TIME OF THE ORDER.
- 13 (6) PRIOR EFFORTS OR LACK OF EFFORT BY THE DEFENDANT TO
- 14 ABATE THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE.
- 15 (7) THE AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE HOUSING FOR TENANTS
- 16 OF THE BUILDING.
- 17 (8) THE EXTENT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE DRUG-RELATED
- 18 NUISANCE THAT HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY NEARBY RESIDENTS OR
- 19 VISITORS TO THE AREA.
- 20 (9) THE OWNER'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE DRUG-RELATED
- 21 NUISANCE.
- 22 (10) THE OWNER'S INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER DRUG-RELATED
- NUISANCES.
- 24 § 8390. VIOLATION OF INJUNCTIONS OR ABATEMENT ORDER.
- 25 (A) CONTEMPT.--A VIOLATION OF ANY COURT ORDER ISSUED UNDER
- 26 THIS SUBCHAPTER IS PUNISHABLE AS A CONTEMPT OF COURT BY A FINE
- 27 OF NOT LESS THAN \$500 NOR MORE THAN \$75,000. THE COURT MAY ORDER
- 28 THE SHERIFF OR OTHER PROPER OFFICER OF ANY COUNTY TO TAKE INTO
- 29 CUSTODY AND COMMIT TO JAIL ANY PERSON FINED FOR A CONTEMPT UNTIL
- 30 THE FINE SHALL BE PAID OR DISCHARGED. IF UNABLE TO PAY THE FINE,

- 1 THE PERSON MAY BE COMMITTED TO JAIL BY THE COURT FOR NOT MORE
- 2 THAN THREE MONTHS. EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE DURATION AND
- 3 REPETITIVE NATURE OF THE VIOLATIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE
- 4 COURT IN DETERMINING THE CONTEMPT PENALTIES.
- 5 (B) ADDITIONAL ORDERS.--IN ADDITION, UPON FINDING THAT A
- 6 DEFENDANT HAS WILLFULLY VIOLATED A COURT ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS
- 7 SUBCHAPTER, THE COURT SHALL BE ALSO EMPOWERED TO ISSUE ANY
- 8 ADDITIONAL ORDERS NECESSARY TO ABATE THIS DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE.
- 9 § 8391. RELEASE AND CANCELLATION.
- 10 (A) NO KNOWLEDGE AND ABATEMENT. -- THE COURT MAY SUSPEND THE
- 11 EFFECTIVENESS OF AN ORDER OF ABATEMENT FOR NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS
- 12 IF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ESTABLISHES THAT HE HAD NO
- 13 KNOWLEDGE OF THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE AND COULD NOT REASONABLY
- 14 BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND THE OWNER AVERS THAT HE
- 15 WILL IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE SPECIFIED MEASURES TO ABATE THE
- 16 NUISANCE AND PREVENT IT FROM BEING A DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE FOR
- 17 THE FOLLOWING TWO-YEAR PERIOD.
- 18 (B) FINES AND BOND.--THE COURTS SHALL CANCEL THE ORDER OF
- 19 ABATEMENT IF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY PAYS ALL FINES AND LIENS
- 20 AGAINST THE PROPERTY, SATISFIES THE COURT THAT THE DRUG-RELATED
- 21 NUISANCE HAS BEEN ABATED FOR THE PAST 90 DAYS, CORRECTS ALL
- 22 HOUSING CODE AND HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS AND POSTS A BOND IN AN
- 23 AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT, WHICH WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
- 24 FORFEITABLE IF THE DRUG-RELATED NUISANCE RECURS DURING THE
- 25 FOLLOWING ONE-YEAR PERIOD.
- 26 § 8392. SEVERABILITY.
- 27 IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBCHAPTER OR ITS APPLICATION TO ANY
- 28 PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE, THE
- 29 REMAINDER OF THIS SUBCHAPTER OR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISION
- 30 TO OTHER PERSONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED.

- 1 Section 5. (a) The following acts and parts of acts are
- 2 repealed:
- 3 Section 1 of the act of July 20, 1917 (P.L.1158, No.401), <--
- 4 referred to as the Constable Fee Law.
- 5 Section 24(d) and (e) of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.586,
- 6 No.142), known as the Judiciary Act of 1976.
- 7 (b) The following acts or parts of acts are repealed insofar <---

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- 8 as they relate to fees collected by clerks of orphans' courts of
- 9 counties of the first class:
- 10 Section 24(a) of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.586, No.142),
- 11 known as the Judiciary Act of 1976.
- 12 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.
- 13 (c) (B) All other acts and parts of acts are repealed
- 14 insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.
- 15 Section 6. The addition of 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.3 shall apply
- 16 to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this
- 17 act.
- 18 Section 7. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 19 (1) The addition of 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.3 shall take
- 20 effect immediately, EXCEPT THAT § 1725.3(B)(2) AND (C)(2)
- 21 SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1994.
- 22 (2) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 2947 shall take effect <-
- 23 <u>in 30 days.</u>
- 24 (3) (2) This section shall take effect immediately.
- 25 $\frac{(4)}{(3)}$ (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in \leftarrow
- 26 60 days.