

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2124 Session of
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ROONEY, RAMOS AND TRELLO, JANUARY 22, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 22, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for contempt for
3 violation of protection order or agreement and for civil
4 contempt.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 6114(b) and 6114.1(c) of Title 23 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 6114. Contempt for violation of order or agreement.

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11 (b) Trial and punishment.--A sentence for contempt under
12 this chapter may include imprisonment up to [six months] one
13 year or a fine of not less than [\$100] \$500 nor more than
14 [\$1,000] \$5,000, or both, and may include other relief set forth
15 in this chapter. All moneys received under this section shall be
16 forwarded to the Commonwealth and shall be used by the
17 Pennsylvania State Police to establish and maintain the

1 Statewide registry of protection orders provided for in section
2 6105 (relating to responsibilities of law enforcement agencies).
3 The defendant shall not have a right to a jury trial on such a
4 charge; however, the defendant shall be entitled to counsel.

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6 § 6114.1. Civil contempt or modification for violation of an
7 order or agreement.

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9 (c) Sentencing.--A sentence for civil contempt under this
10 chapter may include imprisonment until the defendant complies
11 with provisions in the order or consent agreement or
12 demonstrates the intent to do so, but in no case shall a term of
13 imprisonment under this section exceed a period of [six months]
14 one year.

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