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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1596** Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, BROWNE, LEACH, GABIG, HENNESSEY, LEWIS,  
REICHLEY, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, DeWEESE, DONATUCCI, GEIST,  
GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HARRIS, HERSHEY, KELLER, LAUGHLIN,  
MELIO, R. MILLER, MUNDY, PHILLIPS, SCRIMENTI, SHANER,  
T. STEVENSON, E. Z. TAYLOR, WANSACZ AND WOJNAROSKI,  
JUNE 11, 2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 11, 2003

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for effect of death  
3 of either party for purposes of alimony.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3707 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3707. Effect of death of either party.

9 Upon the death of the payee party, the right to receive  
10 alimony pursuant to this chapter shall cease and the estate of  
11 the payee party shall have a right of action to collect any  
12 arrears in alimony incurred by the payor party prior to the date  
13 of death. Upon the death of the payor party, the obligation to  
14 pay alimony shall cease unless otherwise indicated in an  
15 agreement between the parties or an order of court.

16 Section 2. This act shall apply to persons dying on or after

1 April 16, 2000.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.