THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2647 Session of 2004

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, FABRIZIO, DENLINGER, TIGUE, THOMAS, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, WATERS, JAMES, WHEATLEY, ROSS, CURRY, HORSEY, DeLUCA AND MANDERINO, MAY 27, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 27, 2004

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, providing for the judicial imposition of community
- 3 service as a penalty.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 6504 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 6504. Inability to pay fine and costs.
- 9 (a) Order for installment payments.--Upon plea and proof
- 10 that a person is [unable] without the financial means to pay any
- 11 fine and costs imposed under this title, a court may, in
- 12 accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 9758 (relating to fine), order
- 13 payment of the fine and costs in installments and shall fix the
- 14 amounts, times and manner of payment.
- 15 (b) Imprisonment for nonpayment. -- Any person who does not
- 16 comply with an order entered under this section may be
- 17 imprisoned for a number of days equal to one day for each \$40 of
- 18 the unpaid balance of the fine and costs.

- 1 (c) Community service. -- Upon plea and proof that a person is
- 2 without the financial means to pay any fine and costs imposed
- 3 under this title, a court may, in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. §
- 4 9730 (relating to payment of court costs, restitution and
- 5 <u>fines</u>), order the performance of a reasonable period of
- 6 community service. Court-ordered community service may be
- 7 imposed pursuant to this subsection in lieu of payment of up to
- 8 50% of the fine and costs originally imposed. The court so
- 9 ordering shall fix the duration, time and manner of the
- 10 performance of community service.
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.