

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1230 Session of  
2007

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PETRONE, SONNEY, STABACK, SURRA, VEREB, WOJNAROSKI AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 4, 2007

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2007

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for publication of  
3 delinquent support obligors.

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

6 ~~Section 1. Section 4309(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
7 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

8 ~~§ 4309. Publication of delinquent support obligors.~~

9 ~~(a) General rule. Any county, through its domestic~~  
10 ~~relations section, may publish the names and photographs of~~  
11 ~~delinquent support obligors who are in arrears 30 days or more~~  
12 ~~in newspapers of general or special circulation in the county,~~  
13 ~~and on the official Internet website of the county.~~

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15 SECTION 1. SECTION 4309(A) AND (B) OF TITLE 23 OF THE <—  
16 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

§ 4309. PUBLICATION OF DELINQUENT SUPPORT OBLIGORS.

(A) GENERAL RULE.--ANY COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION, MAY PUBLISH THE NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF [DELINQUENT] SUPPORT OBLIGORS WHO ARE [IN ARREARS 30] DELINQUENT 90 DAYS OR MORE IN THE PAYMENT OF OVERDUE SUPPORT IN NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY, AND ON THE OFFICIAL INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE COUNTY.

(B) IMMUNITY.--THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS AND NEWSPAPERS, AND PUBLISHERS OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM ANY AND ALL CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLICATION OF NAMES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND IDENTITIES UNDER SUBSECTION (A), UNLESS THE PUBLICATION IS A RESULT OF INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT BY THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS OR NEWSPAPERS, OR PUBLISHERS OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.