
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2042 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MILNE, LUCAS, MILLARD, MURT, SWANGER, TRUITT AND
SCHLOSSBERG, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 jurisdiction and venue.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1515(a)(3) of Title 42 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
8 § 1515. Jurisdiction and venue.

9 (a) Jurisdiction.--Except as otherwise prescribed by general
10 rule adopted pursuant to section 503 (relating to reassignment
11 of matters), magisterial district judges shall, under procedures
12 prescribed by general rule, have jurisdiction of all of the
13 following matters:

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15 (3) Civil claims, except claims against a Commonwealth
16 party as defined by section 8501 (relating to definitions),
17 wherein the sum demanded does not exceed [\$12,000] \$15,000,
18 exclusive of interest and costs, in the following classes of

1 actions:

2 (i) In assumpsit, except cases of real contract
3 where the title to real estate may be in question.

4 (ii) In trespass, including all forms of trespass
5 and trespass on the case.

6 (iii) For fines and penalties by any government
7 agency.

8 A plaintiff may waive a portion of his claim of more than
9 [\$12,000] \$15,000 so as to bring the matter within the
10 monetary jurisdiction of a magisterial district judge. Such
11 waiver shall be revoked automatically if the defendant
12 appeals the final order of the magisterial district judge or
13 when the judgment is set aside upon certiorari.

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