
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2458 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, ECKER, MILLARD, MURT, READSHAW AND
ZIMMERMAN, APRIL 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 28, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in constables, further providing for
3 definitions and for restricted account; and making an
4 editorial change.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 7141 and 7149 heading and (b) of Title
8 44 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to
9 read:

10 § 7141. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Account." The Constables' Education and Training Account
15 established in section 7149 (relating to [restricted account]
16 Constables' Education and Training Account).

17 "Board." The Constables' Education and Training Board
18 established in section 7143 (relating to board established).

19 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and

1 Delinquency of the Commonwealth.

2 "Court." The minor judiciary or any other court in this
3 Commonwealth.

4 "Judicial duties." Those services specified in section 7161
5 (relating to fees).

6 "Term of office of a deputy constable." The term of office
7 of the constable who appointed him.

8 § 7149. [Restricted account] Constables' Education and Training
9 Account.

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11 (b) Surcharge.--There is assessed as a cost in each case
12 before a magisterial district judge a surcharge of [~~\$5~~] \$10 per
13 docket number in each criminal case and [~~\$5~~] \$10 per named
14 defendant in each civil case in which a constable or deputy
15 constable performs a service provided in Subchapter G (relating
16 to compensation), except that no county shall be required to pay
17 this surcharge on behalf of any indigent or other defendant in a
18 criminal case.

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