
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1087 Session of
1971

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, OCTOBER 5, 1971

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 5, 1971

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2045), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act relating to the support of indigent persons;
3 providing for the support of such persons by certain
4 relatives, and for the recovery of public moneys expended for
5 care and assistance from the property and estates of certain
6 persons; providing for guardians of the person and property
7 of such persons; providing for the arrest and seizure and
8 sale of the property of deserters; and providing procedure,"
9 authorizing the service of attachments by other than the
10 sheriff and other county officers and providing for the
11 payment of costs when service is made by the Pennsylvania
12 State Police.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 3, act of June 24, 1937
16 (P.L.2045), known as "The Support Law," amended August 22, 1961
17 (P.L.1029), is amended to read:

18 Section 3. Relatives Liable for the Support of Indigent
19 Persons; Procedure to Enforce Support.--* * *

20 (c) In all cases where an order has been made by the court
21 for the care and maintenance or assistance of a husband, wife,
22 father, mother or child, whether or not confined in any public
23 institution, and the said order has not been complied with, the

1 court or any judge thereof, upon affidavit or petition filed
2 setting forth that the person on whom the said order has been
3 made has not complied with the said order, shall issue an
4 attachment, directed to the sheriff or other proper officer [of
5 the county] directing and commanding that the person named as
6 having failed to comply with said order be brought before the
7 court at such time as the court may direct. If the attachment is
8 directed to the Pennsylvania State Police the costs of serving
9 the same and bringing the person before the court shall be borne
10 by the county if they cannot be collected from the person who
11 has not complied with the order. If it shall appear to the court
12 after hearing that the person on whom the said order was made
13 has wilfully neglected or refused to comply with said order, the
14 court may adjudge said person in contempt of court and, in its
15 discretion, may commit said person to the county jail for a
16 period not exceeding six months.