

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1773 Session of  
1983

INTRODUCED BY LASHINGER, JOHNSON, PRATT, KUKOVICH, HALUSKA,  
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HERMAN, WASS, MERRY, McINTYRE, BELFANTI AND PERZEL,  
DECEMBER 6, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 6, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the  
3 review and enforcement of child support orders.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6708 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 6708. Enforcement of support orders.

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10 (c) Collection of delinquent payments.--If, within any 12-  
11 week period the ordered payment has not been made by a defendant  
12 under an order of support for four or more weeks, either  
13 separately or consecutively, then the court may refer that case  
14 to a private attorney whose office is located in the same county  
15 as the court. The attorney may initiate and pursue the necessary  
16 legal action in order to collect the delinquent payments and,

1 when those payments are recovered through the efforts of the  
2 private attorney, he shall receive, as a fee, an amount equal to  
3 30% of the amount recovered. This fee shall be in addition to  
4 and not subtracted from the amount recovered. All costs incurred  
5 in pursuing the action and the attorney's fee shall be borne by  
6 the delinquent party and an order shall be entered requiring him  
7 to pay the costs and fee to the domestic relations section for  
8 transmission to the attorney. This order shall have the same  
9 effect as an order of support and shall be enforceable in the  
10 same manner. This subsection applies only to support payments  
11 which are to be transmitted to a public body or agency, as  
12 provided by section 6706 (relating to payee of order of  
13 support).

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