

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HECKLER, THOMPSON, HART, SALVATORE, PICCOLA,
BRIGHTBILL, MURPHY, GERLACH AND COSTA, JANUARY 21, 1997

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for bad checks by
3 requiring that certain suspects be fingerprinted in order to
4 determine prior bad checks violations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4105 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 4105. Bad checks.

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11 (f) Fingerprinting.--Prior to the commencement of trial or
12 entry of plea of a defendant 16 years of age or older accused of
13 the summary offense of passing a bad check, the issuing
14 authority shall order the defendant to submit within five days
15 of such order for fingerprinting by the municipal police of the
16 jurisdiction in which the offense allegedly was committed or the
17 Pennsylvania State Police. Fingerprints so obtained shall be
18 forwarded immediately to the State Police for determination as

1 to whether or not the defendant previously has been convicted of
2 the offense of passing a bad check. The results of such
3 determination shall be forwarded to the police department
4 obtaining the fingerprints if such department is the prosecutor,
5 or to the issuing authority if the prosecutor is other than a
6 police officer. The issuing authority shall not proceed with the
7 trial or plea in summary cases until in receipt of the
8 determination made by the State Police. The district justice
9 shall use the information obtained solely for the purpose of
10 grading the offense under subsection (c).

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