
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2001

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WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATSON, C. WILLIAMS, WILT AND
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 15, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for contempt for
3 noncompliance with support order.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4345 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4345. Contempt for noncompliance with support order.

9 (a) General rule.--A person who willfully fails to comply
10 with any order under this chapter, except an order subject to
11 section 4344 (relating to contempt for failure of obligor to
12 appear), may, as prescribed by general rule, be adjudged in
13 contempt, a misdemeanor of the third degree. Contempt shall be
14 punishable by any one or more of the following:

15 (1) Imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months.

16 (2) A fine not to exceed \$1,000.

1 (3) Probation for a period not to exceed one year.

2 (b) Condition for release.--An order committing a defendant
3 to jail under this section shall specify the condition the
4 fulfillment of which will result in the release of the obligor.

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