

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 61 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY METZGAR, GABLER, GEIST, GROVE, HARHART, HESS, KORTZ, MAHER, MILLER, MURT, READSHAW, SWANGER, TOEPEL AND VULAKOVICH, JANUARY 19, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 19, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
 3 collection of court costs, restitution and fines by private  
 4 collection agency.

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

7 Section 1. Section 9730.1(c) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 9730.1. Collection of court costs, restitution and fines by  
 10 private collection agency.

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12 (c) Limitations on private collection agencies.--For the  
 13 purposes of this section, a private collection agency shall  
 14 cease its efforts designed to collect fines, costs and  
 15 restitution and so inform the court or the county commissioners  
 16 upon the occurrence of any of the following:

17 (1) the private collection agency considers the amount  
 18 owing noncollectible;

1           (2) a period of [180 days] 48 months has elapsed since  
2 referral of the amount owing to the private collection agency  
3 and there has been no response by the defendant or collection  
4 of moneys; or

5           (3) upon demand of a judge of the court of common pleas  
6 having jurisdiction over the defendant.

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