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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in penalties and disposition of fines, further  
3 providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6504 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6504. Inability to pay fine and costs.

9 (a) Order for installment payments.--Upon plea and proof  
10 that a person is [unable] without the financial means to pay any  
11 fine and costs imposed under this title, a court may, in  
12 accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 9758 (relating to fine), order  
13 payment of the fine and costs in installments and shall fix the  
14 amounts, times and manner of payment.

15 (b) Imprisonment for nonpayment.--Any person who does not  
16 comply with an order entered under this section may be  
17 imprisoned for a number of days equal to one day for each \$40 of  
18 the unpaid balance of the fine and costs.

1     (c) Community service.--Upon plea and proof that a person is  
2 without the financial means to pay any fine and costs imposed  
3 under this title, a court may, in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. §  
4 9730 (relating to payment of court costs, restitution and  
5 finances), order the performance of a reasonable period of  
6 community service. Court-ordered community service may be  
7 imposed under this subsection in lieu of payment of up to 50% of  
8 the fine and costs originally imposed. The court so ordering  
9 shall fix the duration, time and manner of the performance of  
10 community service.

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