

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILLNo. **115** Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, MENSCH, WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, BROWNE,
FARNESE, RAFFERTY, FERLO, BRUBAKER AND COSTA,
JANUARY 14, 2013

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 14, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further
3 providing for arrest for violation of order.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6113(c) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6113. Arrest for violation of order.

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10 (c) Procedure following arrest.--Subsequent to an arrest,
11 the defendant shall be taken by the police officer or sheriff
12 without unnecessary delay before [the] a court in the judicial
13 district where the contempt is alleged to have occurred for the
14 purpose of conducting a preliminary arraignment. [When that
15 court is unavailable, the police officer or sheriff shall convey
16 the defendant to a magisterial district judge designated as
17 appropriate by local rules of court or, in the city of
18 Pittsburgh, to a magistrate of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court

1 or, in counties of the first class, to the appropriate hearing
2 officer. For purposes of procedure relating to arraignments for
3 arrest for violation of an order issued under this chapter, the
4 judges of Pittsburgh Magistrates Court shall be deemed to be
5 magisterial district judges] The hearing officer may be a judge
6 or magisterial district judge or, in a county of the first
7 class, hearing officer.

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