
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 658 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, MENSCH, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI,
SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, VANCE AND KITCHEN, MARCH 31, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 31, 2015

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[. When
14 that court is unavailable, the police officer or sheriff shall
15 convey the defendant to a magisterial district judge designated
16 as appropriate by local rules of court or, in the city of
17 Pittsburgh, to a magistrate of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court
18 or, in counties of the first class, to the appropriate hearing

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

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