
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1306 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, ROTHMAN, BROWN, PENNYCUICK, VOGEL,
MASTRIANO, J. WARD, CULVER, DUSH AND MILLER,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6106(d), (e) and (f) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6106. Commencement of proceedings.

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10 (d) Surcharge on order.--When a protection order is granted
11 under section 6107(a), other than pursuant to an agreement of
12 the parties, a surcharge of \$100 shall be assessed against the
13 defendant. All moneys received from surcharges shall be
14 distributed in the following order of priority:

15 (1) \$25 shall be forwarded to the Commonwealth and shall
16 be appropriated to the Pennsylvania State Police to establish
17 and maintain the Statewide registry of protection orders
18 provided for in section 6105.

1 (1.1) \$25 shall be distributed as follows:

2 (i) If a police department, the Pennsylvania State
3 Police or other designated agency or individual serves
4 the order, \$25 shall be forwarded to the police
5 department, Pennsylvania State Police or other designated
6 agency or individual who serves the defendant order.

7 (ii) If the sheriff serves the order, \$25 shall be
8 retained by the county and shall be used by the sheriff
9 to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

10 (2) [~~\$50~~] \$25 shall be retained by the county and shall
11 be used by the court to carry out the provisions of this
12 chapter [~~as follows:~~

13 (i) \$25 shall be used by the sheriff.

14 (ii) \$25 shall be used by the court].

15 (3) \$25 shall be forwarded to the Department of Public
16 Welfare for use for victims of domestic violence in
17 accordance with the provisions of section 2333 of the act of
18 April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative
19 Code of 1929.

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21 [(e) Court to adopt means of service.--The court shall adopt
22 a means of prompt and effective service in those instances where
23 the plaintiff avers that service cannot be safely effected by an
24 adult individual other than a law enforcement officer or where
25 the court so orders.]

26 (f) Service [by sheriff].--[If the court so orders, the
27 sheriff or other designated agency or individual shall serve the
28 petition and order.] The court shall adopt a means of prompt and
29 effective service and order that the sheriff or appropriate law
30 enforcement agency serve the petition and order.

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