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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 302 Session of  
2025

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, BROWN, COSTA, J. WARD AND STEFANO,  
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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 (relating to responsibilities of

1 law enforcement agencies).

2 (1.1) \$25 shall be distributed as follows:

3 (i) If an appropriate law enforcement agency serves  
4 the defendant with the order, \$25 shall be forwarded to  
5 the appropriate law enforcement agency who serves the  
6 defendant with the order.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 enforcement agency serve the petition and order.

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