
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MASSER, CALTAGIRONE, MURT, MILLARD, WATSON,
READSHAW AND NEILSON, MARCH 27, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further
3 providing for publication of delinquent support obligors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4309(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 4309. Publication of delinquent support obligors.

10 * * *

11 (a.1) Required publication.--Each county, through its
12 domestic relations section, shall publish the names, photographs
13 and amount of arrearages of delinquent support obligors who are
14 in arrears 12 months or more in a newspaper of general or
15 special circulation in the county. Publication shall take place
16 in January and June of each year.

17 (b) Immunity.--The county, its officials and newspapers
18 shall be immune from any and all criminal and civil liability as

1 a result of the publication of names and identities under
2 subsection (a) [,] and names, identities, photographs and amounts
3 of arrearages of support obligors under subsection (a.1),
4 unless the publication is a result of intentional misconduct by
5 the county, its officials or newspapers.

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