

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 983 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, NEUMAN, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CORBIN, DAVIS, FREEMAN, A. HARRIS, IRVIN, LONGIETTI, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, STEPHENS, STURLA, TOEPEL, WARD, FARRY, KINSEY, WATSON AND ROZZI, MARCH 28, 2017

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in alimony and support, further
3 providing for alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and
4 expenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3702 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3702. Alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and expenses.

10 (a) General rule.--In proper cases, upon petition, the court
11 may allow a spouse reasonable alimony pendente lite, spousal
12 support and reasonable counsel fees and expenses. Reasonable
13 counsel fees and expenses may be allowed pendente lite, and the
14 court shall also have authority to direct that adequate health
15 and hospitalization insurance coverage be maintained for the
16 dependent spouse pendente lite.

17 (b) Exception.--Except where THE COURT FINDS THAT AN ORDER <--

1 FOR ALIMONY PENDENTE LITE OR SPOUSAL SUPPORT IS necessary to
2 prevent manifest injustice, the court shall not allow alimony <--
3 pendente lite or spousal support for the benefit of a party who
4 has been convicted of COMMITTING a personal injury crime against <--
5 the other party. SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO SPOUSAL SUPPORT OR <--
6 ALIMONY PENDENTE LITE. ANY AMOUNT PAID BY THE INJURED PARTY
7 AFTER THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE BUT BEFORE THE CONVICTION OF
8 THE OTHER PARTY SHALL BE RECOVERABLE BY THE INJURED PARTY UPON
9 PETITION.

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