

No. 1992-25

## AN ACT

SB 40

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, reenacting certain provisions relating to the Philadelphia Municipal Court; and further providing for limitations on compulsory arbitration.

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

Section 1. Section 1123(a)(8) and (a.1) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are reenacted to read:

§ 1123. Jurisdiction and venue.

(a) General rule.—Except as otherwise prescribed by any general rule adopted pursuant to section 503 (relating to reassignment of matters), the Philadelphia Municipal Court shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

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(8) Any action to enjoin a public nuisance. The action to enjoin may be brought by any person who resides or has a place of business within 500 feet of the location of the alleged nuisance.

(a.1) Appeal from contempt citation or nuisance order.—There shall be a right to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County of a contempt citation issued by a municipal court judge or of an order issued by a municipal court judge in any action under subsection (a)(7) or (8), but the appeal shall be limited to a review of the record.

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Section 2. Section 7361(b) of Title 42 is amended to read:

§ 7361. Compulsory arbitration.

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(b) Limitations.—No matter shall be referred under subsection (a):

(1) which involves title to real property; or

(2) where the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds:

(i) **[\$20,000]** *\$50,000* in judicial districts embracing first, second, second class A or third class counties or home rule counties which but for the adoption of a home rule charter would be a county of one of these classes; or

(ii) **[\$10,000]** *\$25,000* in any other judicial district.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. § 7361(b) shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of April, A. D. 1992.

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