

No. 2012-41

AN ACT

HB 61

Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for collection of court costs, restitution and fines by private collection agency.

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

Section 1. Section 9730.1(c) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 9730.1. Collection of court costs, restitution and fines by private collection agency.

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(c) Limitations on private collection agencies.—For the purposes of this section, a private collection agency shall cease its efforts designed to collect fines, costs and restitution and so inform the court or the county commissioners upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the private collection agency considers the amount owing noncollectible;

(2) a period of **[180 days] 48 months** has elapsed since referral of the amount owing to the private collection agency and there has been no response by the defendant or collection of moneys; or

(3) upon demand of a judge of the court of common pleas having jurisdiction over the defendant.

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

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A.D. 2012

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