

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 716 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, HANBIDGE, GIRAL, CERRATO, CIRESI, MADDEN, JAMES, WARREN, RABB, KINKEAD, CONKLIN, KHAN AND GREEN, MARCH 27, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in penalties and disposition of fines, further
3 providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6504 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6504. Inability to pay fine and costs.

9 (a) Order for installment payments.--Upon plea and proof
10 that a person is [unable] without the financial means to pay any
11 fine and costs imposed under this title, a court may, in
12 accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 9758 (relating to fine), order
13 payment of the fine and costs in installments and shall fix the
14 amounts, times and manner of payment.

15 (b) Imprisonment for nonpayment.--Any person who does not
16 comply with an order entered under this section may be
17 imprisoned for a number of days equal to one day for each \$40 of

1 the unpaid balance of the fine and costs.

2 (c) Community service.--Upon plea and proof that a person is  
3 without the financial means to pay a fine and costs imposed  
4 under this title, a court may, in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. §  
5 9730 (relating to payment of court costs, restitution and  
6 finer), order the performance of a reasonable period of  
7 community service. Court-ordered community service may be  
8 imposed under this subsection in lieu of payment of ~~up to 50% of~~ <--  
9 the fine and costs originally imposed. The court ordering the  
10 community service shall fix the duration, time and manner of the  
11 performance of community service.

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