



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 1167 Printer's No. 1826

Prime Sponsor: Representative Barbin
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends the Crime Victims Act to require the Department of Revenue to deduct from a tax refund any money owed by the taxpayer for restitution, fines, or costs.

SUMMARY:

When any taxpayer is entitled to a refund, this bill requires that the Department of Revenue deduct from the refund the amount of a court-ordered obligation and pay that deducted amount to the clerk of court for the county in which the order was entered. The Department must notify the taxpayer of the deduction and payment to the clerk of courts, and pay any remaining amount to the taxpayer. The deduction to pay court-ordered obligations will be given priority after any deduction for delinquent state income tax obligations or delinquent support payments.

The bill allows the Department of Revenue to determine and set a fee to cover the costs to administer this legislation. The Department of Revenue must annually report to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Finance Committee of the Senate, and the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives the amount of court-ordered obligations collected under this legislation. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts shall provide the Department of Revenue with information about persons owing court-imposed obligations.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This bill is effective in 180 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Passed the House of Representatives unanimously on September 30, 2015.

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