

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1806 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, D. MILLER, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, RABB,
 STEELE, KHAN, SANCHEZ, PARKER, CURRY, HOHENSTEIN, WAXMAN AND
 KINSEY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
 2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
 3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in public assistance,
 4 further providing for false statements, investigations and
 5 penalty; and imposing penalties.

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

8 Section 1. Section 481(b) of the act of June 13, 1967
 9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended to
 10 read:

11 Section 481. False Statements; Investigations; Penalty.--* *

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13 (b) (1) Any person violating subsection (a) commits the
 14 grade of crime determined from the following schedule:

15 Amount of Assistance	Degree of Crime
16 or Food Stamps	
17 [<u>\$1,000</u>] <u>\$3,000</u> or	
18 more	Felony of the third degree
19 [<u>\$999 and under, or</u>	

1 an attempt to commit
2 any act prohibited in
3 subsection (a)]
4 \$1,500 to 2,999 Misdemeanor of the first degree
5 \$1,000 to 1,499 Misdemeanor of the second degree
6 \$999 and under, or an
7 attempt to commit any
8 act prohibited in
9 subsection (a) Misdemeanor of the third degree

10 (2) Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 1515(a)(7) (relating to
11 jurisdiction and venue), jurisdiction over cases graded a
12 misdemeanor of the third degree under this subsection shall
13 be vested in district justices.

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