THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2864 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY RABB, BURGOS, HILL-EVANS, GREEN, ROZZI AND LEE, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forfeiture of assets,
- further providing for asset forfeiture.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 5803(g) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 5803. Asset forfeiture.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (g) Use of cash or proceeds of property. -- Cash or proceeds
- 11 of property, subject to forfeiture under section 5802 and
- 12 transferred to the custody of the district attorney under
- 13 subsection (f) shall be placed in the [operating fund of the
- 14 county in which the district attorney is elected. The
- 15 appropriate county authority shall immediately release from the
- 16 operating fund, without restriction, a like amount for the use
- 17 of the district attorney for the enforcement of or prevention of
- 18 a violation of the provisions of The Controlled Substance, Drug,

- 1 Device and Cosmetic Act. The funds shall be maintained in an
- 2 account or accounts separate from other revenues of the office.
- 3 The entity having budgetary control shall not anticipate future
- 4 forfeitures or proceeds from future forfeitures in adoption and
- 5 approval of the budget for the district attorney.] First Chance
- 6 Trust Fund established under section 1753-A.1 of the act of
- 7 April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), know as The Fiscal Code. Cash
- 8 or proceeds under this section shall be used to provide an
- 9 <u>individual who is exonerated or the estate of an individual who</u>
- 10 <u>is exonerated</u>, <u>if exonerated posthumously</u>, <u>from each county with</u>
- 11 an annual monetary relief amount.
- 12 * * *
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.