

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 521 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY DELOZIER, JAMES, LAWRENCE AND SCHLEGEL,
FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in alimony and support, further
3 providing for alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and
4 expenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3702(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3702. Alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and expenses.

10 (a) General rule.--[In proper cases, upon petition, the] The
11 court may allow a spouse reasonable alimony pendente lite[,] or
12 spousal support [and reasonable counsel fees and expenses.] upon
13 determining that the income and resources of the petitioning
14 spouse are insufficient to provide for that spouse's basic
15 needs, including the costs of prosecuting or defending the
16 divorce action. Reasonable counsel fees and expenses may be
17 allowed pendente lite, and the court shall also have authority
18 to award exclusive use of the family home or any other dwelling
19 which is available for use as a residence to either of the

1 parties pendente lite and to direct that adequate health and
2 hospitalization insurance coverage be maintained for the
3 dependent spouse pendente lite. A determination under this
4 section that alimony pendente lite or spousal support is
5 warranted shall not be based solely upon a rule of court
6 providing presumptive guidelines for the calculation of support
7 or upon the party's standard of living during the marriage.

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