

No. 19

AN ACT

SB 150

Amending the act of October 17, 1969 (P.L.259, No.105), entitled "An act relating to the Philadelphia Municipal Court," increasing the jurisdiction of the municipal court of Philadelphia.

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

Section 1. Sections 3 and 20, act of October 17, 1969 (P.L.259, No.105), entitled "An act relating to the Philadelphia Municipal Court," are amended to read:

Section 3. **[The] *As authorized in section 16 of the Schedule to the Judiciary Article to the Constitution of Pennsylvania* the grant to the municipal court in clause (v) of subsection (r) of section 16 of the Schedule to the Judiciary Article to the Constitution, of jurisdiction over civil claims [involving less than five hundred dollars (\$500),] is hereby extended. The municipal court shall, henceforth, have jurisdiction over civil claims involving one thousand dollars (\$1000) or less. This jurisdiction shall extend only to civil claims in trespass and assumpsit, and actions for fines and penalties by any governmental agency involving [less than five hundred dollars (\$500)] one thousand dollars (\$1000) or less exclusive of interest and costs. Judgment by confession shall not be entered in municipal court. Jurisdiction over civil claims in trespass shall extend to all forms of trespass.**

Section 20. A plaintiff may waive a portion of his claim [of five hundred dollars (\$500), or over] which is over one thousand dollars (\$1000), so as to bring the matter within the jurisdiction of this court. Such waiver shall be deemed revoked if the defendant files an appeal to common pleas court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to all actions filed thereafter.

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1975.

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