

No. 1988-21

AN ACT

HB 832

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," increasing penalties for violations of ordinances.

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

Section 1. Section 509(c) and (d) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, added February 1, 1974 (P.L.22, No.7), are amended to read:

Section 509. Ordinances and Resolutions.—* * *

(c) The board of county commissioners may also prescribe fines and penalties not exceeding **[three hundred dollars (\$300), in any instance, for the violation of county ordinances]** *one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a violation of a building, housing, property maintenance, health, fire or public safety code or ordinance and for water, air and noise pollution violations, and not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) for a violation of any other county ordinance*, which fines and penalties may be collected by suit, brought in the name of the county, in like manner as debts of like amount may be sued for.

(d) Any person violating any of the ordinances adopted by the board of county commissioners pursuant to this section shall, upon conviction thereof at a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay such fine as may be prescribed in such ordinances by the county commissioners but not in excess of **[one hundred dollars (\$100)]** *one thousand dollars (\$1,000)*, to be paid to the use of the county, with costs of prosecution, or to be imprisoned for not more than ten days, or both.

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

APPROVED—The 2nd day of March, A. D. 1988.

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