

county inspectors may seize for use, as evidence and hold until final disposition by the court, any commodity, package or other article sold or offered for sale contrary to the provisions of this act. No retailer shall be prosecuted for having in his possession or offering for sale any article of merchandise which he has purchased in good faith for resale, and, which is packed in sealed, unbroken and undamaged original packages or containers because of a shortage in weight as marked thereon: Provided, That such shortage does not exceed twice the tolerance granted or permitted by the department under section seven of this act for such commodity, except such articles of merchandise which have been packed or packaged by said retailer. Said inspectors shall mark or seal as condemned any article, commodity or package which does not comply with the tolerance specifications in section seven or any other provisions of this act, and said commodity shall not be sold or offered for sale until it has been relabeled to comply with the provisions of this act, and the condemnation mark or seal removed by the inspector who originally marked it condemned, or a properly authorized official of the jurisdiction where the condemnation was made.

Any State, county or city inspector of weights and measures in whose presence a violation of this act has or is being committed by any person who has no established business location in this Commonwealth shall have power, without warrant, to arrest the offender and take him before an alderman, magistrate or justice of the peace of the city or county where the offense was committed and there make information before such officer, which shall be disposed of according to law.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 505

AN ACT

Amending the act of March thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 372), entitled "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to

the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," authorizing the issuance of bonds for refunding purposes.

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

The General
State Authority
Act of 1949.

Section 1. Clause (i) of section four, act of March thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 372), known as "The General State Authority Act of one thousand nine hundred forty-nine," amended July twenty-seven one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 596), is amended to read:

Clause (i), section 4, act of March 31, 1949, P. L. 372, amended July 27, 1953, P. L. 596, further amended.

Section 4. Purposes and Powers; General.—The Authority is created for the purpose of constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining, acquiring, and operating sewers, sewer systems, and sewage treatment works for State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), public buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, an official residence in the City of Harrisburg which shall thereafter be used as the official residence of the Governor of the Commonwealth, State arsenals, armories, and military reserves, State airports and landing fields, State institutions of every kind and character (heretofore or hereafter constructed), additions and improvements to land grant colleges, school buildings and the furnishings and equipment thereof for the use of the public schools, State highways, and bridges, toll bridges, tunnels, and traffic circles on State highways, swimming pools, and lakes on State land, low head dams, improvements to river embankments, desilting dams, impounding basins, flood control projects, and the purchase of lands for rehabilitation purposes in connection with State institutions (any and all the foregoing being herein called "projects"): Provided, however, That the purpose and intent of this act being to benefit the people of the Commonwealth by, among other things, increasing their commerce and prosperity, and not to unnecessarily burden or interfere with existing business by the establishment of competitive enterprises, none of the powers granted hereby (other than for the construction, improvement and maintenance of bridges) shall be exercised in the construction, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which, in whole or in part, shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes, and the Authority is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or con-

venient for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following right and powers:

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Borrowing
capacity of
Authority
increased.

(i) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations (herein called "bonds") of the Authority, not exceeding three hundred thirty million dollars (\$330,000,000) in the aggregate, *and in addition thereto, such bonds the Authority may, from time to time, determine to issue for the purpose of refunding bonds previously issued by the Authority*, and to secure the payment of [such] all bonds, or any part thereof, by pledge or deed of trust of all or any of its revenues, rentals, and receipts, and to make such agreements with the purchasers or holders of such bonds or with others in connection with any such bonds, whether issued or to be issued, as the Authority shall deem advisable, and in general to provide for the security for said bonds and the rights of the holders thereof.

Construction
reports and
estimates. cost

The Authority shall, on or before the first day of March in each odd numbered year, submit to the General Assembly its construction report and estimate of cost thereof for the coming biennium.

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Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 506

AN ACT

Amending the act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," authorizing employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, cities of the second and third class, boroughs and townships, upon application, to become members of the county retirement system upon becoming county employees; providing for payments by the employes and former employes into the county retirement fund.

Second Class
County Code.

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

Section 1710, act
of July 28, 1953,
P. L. 723,
amended by
adding two new
subsections (e)
and (f).

Section 1. Section one thousand seven hundred ten, act of July twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," is amended by adding, at the end, two new subsections to read: