

No. 212

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," limiting the Department of Public Welfare's power in purchasing services.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Subsection (a), section 2329, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, added December 21, 1959, P. L. 1944, amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 2329, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," added December 21, 1959 (P. L. 1944), is amended to read:

Section 2329. Purchase of Services.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power:

(a) Whenever the General Assembly shall have appropriated money to the department for public welfare purposes, to purchase necessary services for individuals entitled to such services at rates *not exceeding those* charged the general public or actual cost, such services may be purchased directly from agencies or institutions conforming to minimum standards established by the department or by law, or the department may reimburse local public agencies which purchase such services from such agencies or institutions. This subsection shall not be interpreted to include the direct provision by the department of services to dependent or neglected children.

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APPROVED—The 15th day of June, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 213

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 27, 1951 (P. L. 1742), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide revenue by imposing a State tax relating to certain documents and transactions; prescribing and

regulating the method and manner of evidencing the payment of such tax; conferring powers and imposing duties upon certain persons, partnerships, associations, and corporations, sheriffs, recorders of deeds, and the Department of Revenue; saving certain State and local taxes and authorizing amendments, extensions and supplements to the ordinances and resolutions relating thereto; and providing penalties," exempting from the imposition of this tax conveyances in lieu of condemnation and acquisitions by municipalities of tax delinquent properties at sheriff sale.

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

The Realty Transfer Tax Act.

Section 1. The definition of "Document" in section 2, act of December 27, 1951 (P. L. 1742), known as "The Realty Transfer Tax Act," reenacted and amended June 1, 1959 (P. L. 322) and amended December 30, 1959 (P. L. 2079), is amended to read:

Definition of "Document," section 2, act of December 27, 1951, P. L. 1742, reenacted and amended June 1, 1959, P. L. 322, and amended December 30, 1959, P. L. 2079, further amended.

Section 2. The following words when used in this act shall have meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

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"Document." Any deed, instrument or writing whereby any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this Commonwealth or any interest therein shall be *quitclaimed*, granted, bargained, sold, or otherwise conveyed to the grantee, purchaser, or any other person, but does not include wills, mortgages, transfers between husband and wife, transfers between parent and child or the spouse of such a child or between parent and trustee for the benefit of a child or the spouse of such child, by and between a principal and straw party for the purpose of placing a mortgage or ground rent upon the premises, correctional deeds without consideration, transfers to the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or to any of their instrumentalities, agencies or political subdivisions, by gift, dedication or deed *in lieu of condemnation*, or deed of confirmation in connection with condemnation proceedings, or reconveyance by the condemning body of the property condemned to the owner of record at the time of condemnation which reconveyance may include property line adjustments provided said reconveyance is made within one year from the date of condemnation, leases, a conveyance to a trustee under a recorded trust agreement for the express purpose of holding title in trust as security for a debt contracted at the time of the conveyance under which the trustee is not the lender and requiring the trustee to make reconveyance to the grantor-borrower upon the repayment of the debt, or a transfer by the owner of previously occupied residential premises to a builder of new residential premises when such previously occupied

residential premises is taken in trade by such builder as part of the consideration from the purchaser of a new previously unoccupied residential premises, [or] any transfer from a purchase money mortgagor to the vendor holding the purchase money mortgage whether pursuant to a foreclosure or in lieu thereof, *or conveyances to municipalities pursuant to acquisition by municipalities of tax delinquent properties at sheriff sale or tax claim bureau.*

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of June, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 214

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," making editorial changes; removing certain functions vested in the State Board of Public Assistance; providing for work relief projects and the establishment of county boards and their powers and duties; and further providing for the disposition of Federal contributions.

Public Assistance Law.

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

Title and section 3, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, amended.

Section 1. The title and section 3, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," are amended to read:

AN ACT

New title.

Relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public [Assistance] *Welfare* and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authoriz-