

that a person seventeen (17) years of age, or over, may operate as a paid employe any motor vehicle other than (1) a commercial motor vehicle and (2) any motor vehicle transporting passengers for hire having a seating capacity for more than six (6) passengers or transporting any flammable liquid, flammable solid, oxidizing substance, corrosive liquid, compressed gas, radioactive substance, or any explosive or similar substance.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

APPROVED—The 16th day of December, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 385

AN ACT

SB 1683

Amending the act of May 20, 1949 (P. L. 1633), entitled, as amended "An act providing and regulating State assistance for housing and redevelopment, including comprehensive programs for the development of entire sections or neighborhoods; and making an appropriation," further providing for grant authorizations.

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

Section 1. Section 4, act of May 20, 1949 (P. L. 1633), known as the "Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law," reenacted and amended April 12, 1956 (P. L. 1449), and amended November 24, 1967 (P. L. 571), is amended to read:

Section 4. Grant Authorization.—The department is hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided, (a) to make capital grants in the futherance of housing development and to assist the construction and operating of housing projects through the payment of such grants by contracting with governmental agencies or authorities such as housing authorities and urban redevelopment authorities, or with limited dividend housing corporations, insurance companies, or any other private, public or semi-

public agencies, firms or corporations providing adequate surety, acceptable to the department, guaranteeing continuity of operation throughout the term of its contract, and (b) to make capital grants to redevelopment authorities in the furtherance of redevelopment, [and] (c) to make capital grants to municipalities or to redevelopment authorities for the prevention and elimination of blight, and (d) to make capital grants to governmental agencies or authorities, or nonprofit corporations for the purpose of providing funds, which would be otherwise unavailable to initiate, apply for, administer, and execute housing projects financed under any Federal housing program, said housing projects to be built and operated in accordance with Federal law and regulations and shall not be bound by the conditions attached to housing projects pursuant to section 4 (a), and said grant shall not exceed ten per cent of the total cost of a proposed project, and (e) to make capital grants to governmental agencies or authorities, or nonprofit corporations for the purpose of acquiring single family dwelling units which are in a state of disrepair, and to rehabilitate said dwelling units and to sell these dwelling units to persons or families whose income is not higher than the highest annual income level in the lower or middle third of nonfarm family incomes, and whose financial resources would be insufficient to purchase said dwelling unit after rehabilitation without the assistance provided by this act, purchaser's income to be considered insufficient in cases where more than twenty per cent of said income would be required for debt service to liquidate the mortgage; the resale price for the rehabilitated dwelling unit shall not be less than the cost of initial acquisition, nor more than the cost of acquisition and rehabilitation; programs under this subsection 4 (e) shall not be bound by the conditions attached to housing projects produced under subsection 4 (a), and (f) to cooperate with and make exchanges of the use of personnel, or funds with other departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the Commonwealth in the execution of housing functions delegated to said

departments, agencies, or instrumentalities by the General Assembly.

There shall be no discrimination against any person because of race, color, religion or national origin in the rental or occupancy of any housing constructed under the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 16th day of December, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 386

AN ACT

HB 2429

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," creating the *Bureau of Consumer Protection*, defining its powers and duties.

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

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding after section 916, six new sections to read:

Section 917. Bureau of Consumer Protection.—The Department of Justice shall establish a Bureau of Consumer Protection under the direction of a director appointed by the Attorney General.

Section 918. Powers and Duties of Bureau of Consumer Protection.—The Bureau of Consumer Protection shall have the power and its duties shall be:

(1) To investigate commercial and trade practices in the distribution, financing and furnishing of goods and services to or for the use of consumers in order to determine if such practices are detrimental