

## No. 1978-30

## AN ACT

## HB 1350

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), entitled "An act creating in each county (except of the first class) as a separate corporation, and in each city of the first and second class as a part of the city government, an institution district for the care and maintenance of certain indigent persons and children; prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners, county treasurers, city departments of public welfare, the State Department of Welfare and the State Department of Public Assistance in respect thereto; abolishing certain poor districts and terminating the terms of directors, overseers, guardians and managers of the poor and poor district auditors, and providing for the temporary employment of certain of them; providing for the transfer, vesting, sale and disposition of the property of poor districts and the payment of their obligations; imposing certain existing obligations on institution districts and on the Commonwealth; regulating the affairs of poor districts until abolished; revising, amending, changing and consolidating the law relating to the care of the poor; and repealing existing laws," further providing for contracts for hospitals which are part of the institution district.

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

Section 1. Section 315, act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the "County Institution District Law," amended October 7, 1955 (P.L.662, No.184), is amended to read:

Section 315. Contracts.—It shall be the duty of the commissioners to purchase all supplies for the maintenance of the inmates of the institutions under their supervision, and to contract for and purchase all services and personal property for county institution district officers and agencies. They shall where possible anticipate the needs of the various officers and agencies of the district, and endeavor to purchase in wholesale quantities where practicable and where savings could be achieved thereby. The commissioners may make contracts and purchases for all purposes expressly or impliedly authorized by law.

All contracts and purchases made by the commissioners for the county institution district shall be made in the same manner and under the same procedure as if they were being made for the county, and shall be subject to the same restrictions, regulations and controls provided by law for county contracts and purchases.

*The provisions of the second paragraph notwithstanding, the commissioners may enter into contracts and make purchases for hospitals which are part of the institution district, by purchasing off or participating in contracts for materials, supplies and equipment entered into by a nonprofit cooperative hospital service association.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1978.

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