

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, approved the tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred ninety-three), entitled "An act providing for assistance to certain mothers; providing for the appointment of boards of trustees for the several counties of the Commonwealth, and for the appointment of a State supervisor and assistants, and fixing the salaries of such State supervisor and assistants; defining the powers and duties of boards of trustees, including the power of appointing assistants and investigators, and the distribution of funds at their disposal; providing for the apportionment of the State appropriation among the several counties, and requiring counties coming under the provisions of the act to appropriate certain moneys; and providing penalties," its amendments and supplements, authorizing in certain cases the payment of grants accrued and unpaid at the date of death of a mother.

Mothers' Assistance Fund.

Payment of unpaid grant on death of mother to responsible person.

When effective.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in any case where a grant has heretofore or may hereafter become payable to a mother under the act to which this act is a supplement, and the acts appropriating moneys to carry said act into effect, and remains unpaid because of her death and the failure to take out letters of administration for her estate, the State Supervisor of the Mothers' Assistance Fund shall determine the person who is legally responsible for the maintenance and care of the child, or who stands in loco parentis to the child, and may authorize and direct the proper Board of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund to pay such accrued grant to such person.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 23d day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 198

AN ACT

To amend section four hundred and six of the act, approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act for the prevention and treatment of mental diseases, mental defect, epilepsy, and inebriety; regulating the admission and commitment of mental patients to hospitals for mental diseases and institutions for mental defectives and epileptics; governing the transfer, discharge, interstate rendition, and deportation of mental patients; providing for the payment by individuals, counties, or the Commonwealth of the cost of the admission, care, and discharge of mental patients; and imposing penalties," permitting sworn statements of physicians in charge of patients to be admitted in evidence in court proceedings for the discharge of patients from mental hospitals.

Mental Health Act of 1923.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four hundred and six of the act, approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three

(Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act for the prevention and treatment of mental diseases, mental defect, epilepsy, and inebriety; regulating the admission and commitment of mental patients to hospitals for mental diseases and institutions for mental defectives and epileptics; governing the transfer, discharge, interstate rendition, and deportation of mental patients; providing for the payment by individuals, counties, or the Commonwealth of the cost of the admission, care, and discharge of mental patients; and imposing penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 406, act of July 11, 1923 (P. L. 998), amended.

Section 406. Any proper court shall have the power and authority to order and compel the discharge of any mental patient committed by such court to any mental hospital if, upon hearing, it shall be made to appear that such discharge is for the best interests of the patient and not incompatible with the public welfare and safety. In making any such order, if it is not in accordance with the expressed opinion of the physician in charge of the hospital, the court shall set forth the reasons for its decision, which reasons shall be part of said order, and the said order and reasons and the opinion of the physician in charge of the said hospital shall be entered in the clinical record of the patient: *Provided, however, That the court may, at its discretion, admit in evidence the sworn statement of the physician in charge of the hospital, his assistant, or the physician in charge of the patient, as to the condition of the patient, without the necessity of the appearance and personal examination of such physician.*

Discharge by court.

Hearing.

Reasons for decision to be part of order.

Sworn statement of physician.

APPROVED—The 23d day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 199

AN ACT

Fixing the salaries of directors of the poor in counties of the second class:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salary of each of the directors of the poor in counties of the second class shall be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per annum.

Counties of second class.

Directors of the poor.

Section 2. The act approved the fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, fifty-one), entitled "An act fixing the salaries of county poor directors in counties of over one million population and less than one million three hundred thousand population," is hereby repealed. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Salaries.

Act of April 5, 1917 (P. L. 51), repealed.

General repeal.

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