

priation made to the Department of Health for such purposes.

Section 4. In the management and operation of the new sanatorium building or buildings, the Department of Health shall have all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by the laws of this Commonwealth on it in respect to the existing sanatoria for tubercular patients.

Powers and duties of the Department of Health.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 539

AN ACT

Declaring bonds, issued by The General State Authority, legal investments for the investment of certain funds and moneys.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any fiduciary, insurance company, State bank, trust company, bank and trust company, and any departmental administrative board and commission or other agency of the Commonwealth, shall have power to invest funds and moneys in his or its possession and control in bonds issued by the General State Authority in which the full faith and credit of the Authority is pledged, and such bonds shall be deemed legal investments for all such purposes.

Bonds of the General State Authority legal investments.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 540

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to enter into contract with persons, firms or corporations to erect office buildings, and to lease such office buildings for the use of the Commonwealth, the same to become the property of the Commonwealth upon termination of said lease.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, shall have power to enter into contract with any person, firm, or corporation which shall agree to erect within the city of Pittsburgh or the county of Alle-

gheny, or within the county of Philadelphia, at a location suitable to the Governor and the Secretary of Property and Supplies, a suitable office building in each of the respective counties above mentioned, for the use of agencies of the Commonwealth, and to agree, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to lease said building for a period of thirty years from the time of the completion thereof, at such rental and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. No such contract shall be entered into until the plans and specifications for such proposed building shall have been approved by the Department of Property and Supplies. Any such contract shall provide that upon the termination of said thirty year lease the building so constructed and the ground upon which the same is situated shall become the property of the Commonwealth.

Lease.

Plans and specifications approved.

To become property of Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 1st day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 541

AN ACT

To provide for the conservation, protection, improvement, and profitable use of agricultural land resources in the State of Pennsylvania, and for cooperation with the governments and agencies of other states and of the United States pursuant to the provisions of section seven of an act of the Congress of the United States known as the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act; to assent to and accept the provisions of said act; to constitute and establish the Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Committee, and in conformity with the provisions of said act, to designate and authorize said committee, as the State agency of this State, in conformity with such provisions, to formulate, submit to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and administer State plans to carry out the provisions of this act; to define the powers and duties of said committee as such State agency; to provide for the selection of its members, and otherwise to provide for the administration of this act; and making an appropriation.

Short title.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, Short Title.—This act may be known and cited as “Pennsylvania Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Act.”

Purposes.

Section 2. Declaration of Purposes.—(a) It is hereby recognized and declared—

(1) That the soil, resources, and fertility of the land of this Commonwealth and the economic use thereof, the prosperity of the farming population of this Commonwealth, and the navigability of the rivers and harbors of this Commonwealth, and the prevention of floods in this Commonwealth, are matters affected with a public interest.