

No. 250

AN ACT

Creating an Anthracite Mine Drainage Study Commission for the purpose of making a study, investigation and legislative recommendations relating to the drainage of anthracite mines; and making an appropriation.

Anthracite Mine Drainage Study Commission.

Commission to be appointed by Governor.

Composition of commission.

Secretary of Mines designated chairman.

Members to serve without compensation but be reimbursed expenses.

Filling vacancies.

Duty of commission.

Power of commission.

Report and recommendations.

Appropriation.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Anthracite Mine Drainage Study Commission," which shall consist of the Secretary of Mines and six other members who shall be appointed by the Governor, as follows: Three from the employes' bargaining agent of the anthracite mining industry and three from the mine owners or their association. The Secretary of Mines shall be chairman of the commission. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the member whose place is vacated.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the commission to make a complete study and investigation, either independently or in conjunction with any other State or Federal agency, of economic, social or governmental problems related to, connected with, or resulting from the flooding of, anthracite mines, and feasible solutions thereof.

Section 3. The commission shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of such engineers, experts, assistants, clerks, stenographers and other employes as may be deemed necessary to carry out the work of the commission. The commission shall require and secure the cooperation of the Department of Mines and any State official who may be of assistance to the commission in the discharge of its duties.

Section 4. The commission shall make a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, together with such proposed legislation as it deems necessary to carry its recommendations into effect.

Section 5. The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Anthracite Mine Drainage Study Commission for the payment of the expenses and compensation of the engineers, experts, assistants, clerks, stenographers and other employes of the commission, for the purchase of supplies, material and equipment, for printing, postage, telephone, tele-

graph, rent and miscellaneous expenses, and generally for the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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No. 251

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws _____, Act No. 86), entitled "An act to provide revenue by imposing a tax on retail sales of tangible personal property to consumers; requiring sellers to file returns; providing for the assessment, collection and lien of the tax; imposing duties on prothonotaries; prescribing penalties; and providing for the use of the proceeds of such tax for public school purposes," by providing for registration of sellers; changing requirements as to returns; redefining "Sale at Retail"; providing for payment of the tax by consumers in certain cases; imposing additional duties on the Department of Revenue; and exempting sales of certain tangible personal property from the tax imposed by said act.

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

"Consumers Sales Tax Act."

Section 1. Clause (7) of section 102 of the act, approved the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws _____, Act No. 86), entitled "An act to provide revenue by imposing a tax on retail sales of tangible personal property to consumers; requiring sellers to file returns; providing for the assessment, collection and lien of the tax; imposing duties on prothonotaries; prescribing penalties; and providing for the use of the proceeds of such tax for public school purposes," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Clause (7) of section 102, act of July 13, 1953, P. L. _____, Act No. 86, amended.

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words, terms and phrases when used in this act shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(7) "Sale at Retail." Any transaction by which the ownership of tangible personal property is transferred for a consideration, when such transfer is made [in the ordinary course of the transferor's business and is made] to the transferee for consumption or use. The term "sale at retail" includes any rental, bailment lease, condi-