

Powers and duties of Department of Justice.

Section 5. In the management and operation of the Pennsylvania Institution for Defective Delinquents, the Department of Justice shall have all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by the laws of this Commonwealth on the Department of Justice and the boards of trustees of the State institutions under the control and supervision of the Department of Justice.

Certain existing laws deemed applicable.

Section 6. All laws of this Commonwealth conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Correction thereof relating to State institutions under the control and supervision of the Department of Justice and persons committed or sentenced thereto, shall be deemed to apply to the Pennsylvania Institution for Defective Delinquents, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or any existing laws.

Act effective immediately.

Section 7. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 415

AN ACT

To add section seven hundred twenty-three point one to the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by making it a felony for any prisoner to hold a guard or any other person as a hostage in a penal institution.

"The Penal Code."

Article VII, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding, immediately following section 723 thereof, a new section numbered 723.1.

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

Section 1. Article VII of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended by adding, immediately following section seven hundred twenty-three thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Section 723.1 Holding a Hostage in a Penal Institution.—Whoever, being imprisoned in any penal or correctional institution located in this Commonwealth, by threats, coercion, intimidation or physical force takes, or holds, or carries away, or decoys, or entices away, or secretes, any person as a hostage, or for any other reason, is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor for the term of his or her

natural life, or to pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor for any term of years.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

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

JOHN S. FINE

No. 416

AN ACT

To add section 2409.1 to the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," by providing for purchases of blind-made products and services.

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

Section 1. Article XXIV of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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;

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

Article XXIV, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended by adding, after section 2409 thereof, a new section numbered 2409.1.