

shall receive an additional annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) and each commissioner of a seventh class county shall receive an additional annual salary of eight hundred dollars (\$800) and each commissioner of an eighth class county shall receive an additional annual salary of three hundred dollars (\$300). In every other county the commissioners, and in every county the treasurer, shall receive no additional compensation for services to the institution district. In every county the commissioners and treasurer shall be allowed their necessary expenses incurred in services for the institution district. Every county controller in office on [the effective date of this amending act] *September twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one*, shall receive during the remainder of his current term an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with the institution district as follows:

(1) In second class counties, two thousand dollars (\$2000) per annum; (2) In third class counties, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) per annum; (3) In fourth class counties, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) per annum; (4) In fifth class counties, twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) per annum; (5) In sixth class counties, one thousand dollars (\$1000) per annum.

APPROVED—The 4th day of November, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 224

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," prohibiting budget planning business, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

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

Section 1. The act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended by adding, after section 896, a new section to read:

Section 897. Budget Planning Business. — (a) "Budget Planning," as used in this section, means the making of a contract, express or implied, with a particular debtor whereby the debtor agrees to pay a certain amount of money periodically to the person engaged in

The Penal Code

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding a new section 897.

Definition of Budget Planning Business.

the budget planning business, who shall, for a consideration, distribute the same among certain specified creditors in accordance with a plan agreed upon.

Penalty.

(b) Whoever engages in the business of budget planning is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or undergo imprisonment of not more than (1) year, or both; Provided That, the provisions of this act shall not apply to those situations involving budget planning as herein defined incurred incidentally in the practice of law in the Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 30th day of November, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 225

AN ACT

Relating to coal mining, well operations and the underground storage of gas, except in storage reservoirs excavated in rock formations specifically for storage purposes, and the safety of personnel and facilities employed therein; prescribing the rights and duties of well operators, before, during, and after the drilling of wells for the production, extraction or storage of any gas, petroleum or other liquid; regulating the underground storage of gas under workable coal seams; prescribing the rights and duties of owners and operators of coal mines in relation to wells and underground storage areas; granting certain corporations a limited right of eminent domain to appropriate interests in real property for surface and sub-surface operations in connection with the underground storage of gas; creating the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mines and defining its personnel, powers and duties; providing for hearings and the procedures to be followed therein and imposing duties upon the courts and providing methods for the enforcement of the provisions of this act and imposing penalties.

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

ARTICLE I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Section 101. Short Title.—This act shall be known as the “Gas Operations Well-Drilling Petroleum and Coal Mining Act.”

Section 102. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) “Coal mine” means those operations in a coal seam which include the excavated and abandoned portions as well as the places actually being worked, also

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