

the Commonwealth from any county, city or institution district for use as* State mental hospitals under the provisions of act number twenty-one, approved the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred thirty-eight.]

Section 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of December, A. D. 1955.

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No. 256

AN ACT

Requiring rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of Commonwealth land to be placed in a special fund to be used for conservation, recreation, dams, and flood control; authorizing the Secretary of Forests and Waters to determine the need for and location of such projects and to acquire the necessary land.

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

Section 1. All rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of any land owned by the Commonwealth, except rents and royalties received from game and fish lands, shall be placed in a special fund to be known as the "Oil and Gas Lease Fund" which fund shall be exclusively used for conservation, recreation, dams, or flood control or to match any Federal grants which may be made for any of the aforementioned purposes.

Certain income to be placed in "Oil and Gas Lease Fund" and expenditures therefrom limited to certain uses.

Section 2. It shall be within the discretion of the Secretary of Forests and Waters to determine the need for and the location of any project authorized by this act. The Secretary of Forests and Waters shall have the power to acquire in the name of the Commonwealth by purchase, condemnation or otherwise such lands as may be needed.

Discretionary powers of Secretary of Forests and Waters and power to acquire land in name of Commonwealth.

Section 3. All the moneys from time to time paid into the "Oil and Gas Lease Fund" are specifically appropriated to the Department of Forests and Waters to carry out the purposes of this act.

Expenditures from this fund appropriated to Department of Forests and Waters.

APPROVED—The 15th day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

* "a" in original.