

poultry and game birds by dogs, and for live stock killed by or dying from rabies and for the illegal killing of licensed dogs, and the payment of such damages by the Commonwealth; imposing powers and duties on certain State, county, city, borough, town, and township officers and employes; directing the payment of all moneys collected into the State Treasury; and providing penalties," providing for free license tags for guide dogs for the blind.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Dog Law of 1921.

Section 1. The act of May eleven one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 522), known as the "Dog Law of 1921," is amended by adding, after section eighteen, a new section to read: Act of May 11, 1921, P. L. 522, amended by adding a new section 18.1.

Section 18.1. The provisions of this act relating to the payment of fees and other charges shall not apply to any blind person owning a guide dog. License tags for guide dogs for the blind shall be issued without charge. License tags for guide dogs for the blind to be issued without charge.

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 397

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twelve, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," fixing the date for liability of costs of patient care.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: The Mental Health Act of 1951.

Section 1. Section seven hundred one, act of June twelve, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), known as "The Mental Health Act of 1951," amended January fourteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2053),* is amended to read: Section 701, act of June 12, 1951, P. L. 533, amended January 14, 1952, P. L. 2053, further amended

Section 701. Liability for Costs of Care of Patients.—

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this act, liability for all costs of care of any patient in any State institution is hereby imposed, in the following order, against—

- (1) The patient's real and personal property;
- (2) The persons liable for the patient's support;
- (3) The Commonwealth or in the case of an inebriate, the county or institution district in which he resides.

* "are" in original.

(b) Liability for costs of care of patients committed upon order of the court to any institution, or to any institution district, or to the Department of Public Welfare of cities of the first class for placement in any institution, shall be imposed from the date of the court order as provided in paragraph (a).

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 398

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," changing provisions relating to children eligible for assistance.

Public Assist-
ance Law.

Subsection (c.2),
section 9, act of
June 24, 1937,
P. L. 2051,
amended August
22, 1953, P. L.
1361, further
amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c.2) of section nine, act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended August twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1361), is amended to read:

Section 9. Eligibility for Assistance.—Any person residing within this Commonwealth shall hereafter be entitled to receive public assistance, as provided by law, without regard to the period of time he or she has resided therein, and the Department of Public Assistance shall grant assistance without regard to the period of time any person seeking public assistance and otherwise entitled thereto shall have resided within this State: Provided, however, That if the applicant for public assistance has resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year immediately preceding the date of making application for assistance, such person shall only be entitled to receive public assistance if he or she was last a