

the liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages, or any part thereof, to be delivered to a hospital for its use. Return of compliance with said order shall be made by the sheriff to the court.

(c) In the case of any vehicle, boat, vessel, container, animal or aircraft seized under the provisions of this act and condemned, the court shall order the same to be delivered to the board for its use or for sale or disposition by the board, in its discretion. Notice of such sale shall be given in such manner as the board may prescribe. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the State Stores Fund.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 500

AN ACT

Providing for the prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases including venereal diseases, fixing responsibility for disease prevention and control, requiring reports of diseases, authorizing financial assistance to typhoid fever carriers and authorizing treatment of venereal diseases, and providing for premarital and prenatal blood tests; amending, revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing certain acts.

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

Disease Preven-
tion and Control
Law of 1955.

Section 1. Short Title.—

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955."

Definitions.

Section 2. Definitions.—

The following terms, whenever used in this act, have the meanings indicated in this section, except where the context indicates a clearly different meaning:

(a) Board. The State Advisory Health Board.

(b) Carrier. A person who, without any apparent symptoms of a communicable disease, harbors a specific infectious agent and may serve as a source of infection.

(c) Communicable Disease. An illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products which is transmitted, directly or indirectly, to a well person from an infected person, animal or *arthropod, or through the agency of an intermediate host, vector of the inanimate environment.

(d) Department. The State Department of Health.

* "arthropod" in original.

(e) Isolation. The separation for the period of communicability of infected persons or animals from other persons or animals in such places and under such conditions as will prevent the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent from infected persons or animals to other persons or animals who are susceptible or who may spread the disease to others.

(f) Local board or department of health. The board of health or the department of public health of a city, borough, incorporated town or township of the first class, or a county department of health, or joint county department of health.

(g) Local health officer. The head of a local department of health.

(h) Municipality. A city, borough, incorporated town or township.

(i) Quarantine. The limitation of freedom of movement of persons or animals who have been exposed to a communicable disease for a period of time equal to the longest usual incubation period of the disease in such manner as to prevent effective contact with those not so exposed. Quarantine may be complete, or, as defined below, it may be modified, or it may consist merely of surveillance or segregation.

(1) Modified quarantine is a selected, partial limitation of freedom of movement, determined on the basis of differences in susceptibility or danger of disease transmission, which is designed to meet particular situations. Modified quarantine includes, but is not limited to, the exclusion of children from school and the prohibition or the restriction of those exposed to a communicable disease from engaging in particular occupations.

(2) Surveillance is the close supervision of persons and animals exposed to a communicable disease without restricting their movement.

(3) Segregation is the separation for special control or observation of one or more persons or animals from other persons or animals to facilitate the control of a communicable disease.

(j) Regulation. Any rule or regulation issued by the board, or any ordinance, rule or regulation enacted or issued by any municipality or county department of health, or joint county department of health, pursuant to this act.

(k) Reportable disease. (a) Any communicable disease declared reportable by regulation; (b) any unusual or group expression of illness which, in the opinion of the secretary, may be a public health emergency; and (c) such *non-communicable diseases and conditions for

* "now" in original.

which the secretary may authorize reporting to provide data and information which, in the opinion of the Advisory Health Board, are needed in order effectively to carry out those programs of the department designed to protect and promote the health of the people of the Commonwealth, or to determine the need for the establishment of such programs.

(1) Secretary. The State Secretary of Health.

Section 3. Responsibility for Disease Prevention and Control.—

(a) Local boards and departments of health shall be primarily responsible for the prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable disease, including disease control in public and private schools, in accordance with the regulations of the board and subject to the supervision and guidance of the department.

(b) The department shall be responsible for the prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable disease in any municipality which is not served by a local board or department of health, including disease control in public and private schools.

(c) If the secretary finds that the disease control program carried out by any local board or department of health is so inadequate that it constitutes a menace to the health of the people within or without the municipalities served by the local board or department of health, he may appoint agents of the department to supervise or to carry out the disease control program of the particular local board or department of health until he determines that the menace to the health of the people no longer exists and that the local board or department of health is able to carry out an adequate disease control program. The secretary shall require that any reasonable expenses incident to the administration of a local disease control program under this subsection, which are incurred by the department, shall be paid to the State by the local board or department of health or by the municipalities or counties which it serves.

Section 4. Reports.—

(a) Every physician who treats or examines any person who is suffering from or who is suspected of having a communicable disease, or any person who is or who is suspected of being a carrier, shall make a prompt report of the disease in the manner prescribed by regulation to the local board or department of health which serves the municipality where the disease occurs or where the carrier resides, or to the department if so provided by regulation.

(b) The department or local boards or departments of health may require the heads of hospitals and other institutions, the directors of laboratories, school authorities, the proprietors of hotels, roentgenologists, lodging houses, rooming houses or boarding houses, nurses, midwives, householders, and other persons having knowledge or suspicion of any communicable disease, to make a prompt report of the disease in a manner prescribed by regulation to the local board or department of health which serves the municipality where the disease occurs, or to the department if so provided by regulation.

(c) Local boards or departments of health shall make reports of the diseases reported to them to the department at such times and in such manner as shall be provided for by regulation.

(d) Every physician or every person in charge of any institution for the treatment of diseases shall be authorized, upon request of the secretary, to make reports of such diseases and conditions other than communicable diseases which in the opinion of the Advisory Health Board are needed to enable the secretary to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means to protect and to promote the health of the people by the prevention and control of such diseases and conditions other than communicable diseases. The reports shall be made upon forms prescribed by the secretary and shall be transmitted to the department or to local boards or departments of health as requested by the secretary.

Section 5. Control Measures.—

Upon the receipt by a local board or department of health or by the department, as the case may be, of a report of a disease which is subject to isolation, quarantine, or any other control measure, the local board or department of health or the department shall carry out the appropriate control measures in such manner and in such place as is provided by rule or regulation.

Section 6. Financial Assistance to Typhoid Fever Carriers and to Persons Subject to Isolation and Quarantine.—

(a) Any person who is found by the department or by a local board or department of health to be a carrier of typhoid fever shall be eligible for financial assistance if the restrictions imposed, pursuant to regulation, prevent such person from earning a livelihood in the occupation in which he is customarily engaged or in which he has been trained, and as a result he is in need of assistance to enable him to maintain for himself and his dependents a decent and healthful standard of living.

(b) Any person who is isolated or quarantined by the department or by a local board or department of health shall be eligible for financial assistance if, as a result of the isolation or quarantine, he becomes unable to maintain for himself and his dependents a decent and healthful standard of living during the period of isolation or quarantine.

(c) The assistance program under this section shall be administered by the department in accordance with regulations issued by the board in consultation with the State Department of Public Assistance, setting forth the standards of eligibility, the amount and duration of assistance and any other relevant matters. Any local board or department of health may make recommendations to the department for the granting of assistance to any person who is a resident of a municipality served by the local board or department of health.

(d) The secretary may, on the basis of his own findings or upon recommendations of a local board or department of health, suspend or terminate the assistance under this section if the recipient fails to comply with any of the restrictions imposed by regulation.

(e) The Support Law of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2045), as amended, and any reenactment thereof, shall not apply to the assistance granted under this section.

Section 7. Examination and Diagnosis of Persons Suspected of Being Infected with Venereal Disease, Tuberculosis or any other Communicable Disease, or of Being a Carrier.—

Whenever the secretary or a local qualified medical health officer has reasonable grounds to suspect any person of being infected with a venereal disease, tuberculosis or any other communicable disease, or of being a carrier, he shall require the person to undergo a medical examination and any other approved diagnostic procedure, to determine whether or not he is infected with a venereal disease, tuberculosis or any other communicable disease, or is a carrier. In the event that the person refuses to submit to the examination, the secretary or the local qualified medical health officer may (1) cause the person to be quarantined until it is determined that he is not infected with a venereal disease, tuberculosis or any other communicable disease, or of being a carrier, or (2) file a bill in equity in the court of common pleas of the county in which the person is present to compel him to submit to the examination. The court immediately shall order the person to undergo an examination which may be performed by a physician of his own choice at his own expense. The examination

shall include physical and laboratory tests performed in a laboratory approved by the secretary, and shall be conducted in accordance with accepted professional practices, and the results thereof shall be reported to the local health board or health department on forms furnished by the Department of Health. Any person refusing to undergo an examination, as herein provided, may be committed by the court to an institution in this Commonwealth determined by the Secretary of Health to be suitable for the care of such cases.

Section 8. Venereal Disease.—

(a) Any person taken into custody and charged with any crime involving lewd conduct or a sex offense, or any person to whom the jurisdiction of a juvenile court attaches, may be examined for a venereal disease by a qualified physician appointed by the department or by the local board or department of health.

(b) Any person convicted of a crime or pending trial, who is confined in or committed to any State or local penal institution, reformatory or any other house of correction or detention, may be examined for venereal disease by a qualified physician appointed by the department or by the local board or department of health.

(c) Any such persons noted in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section found, upon such examination, to be infected with any venereal disease shall be given appropriate treatment by duly constituted health authorities or their deputies or by the attending physician of the institution, if any.

Section 9. Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease.—

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the department shall provide or designate adequate facilities for the free diagnosis, including blood and other tests, of venereal disease and for the free treatment of persons infected with venereal disease when necessary for the preservation of the public health.

(b) Upon approval of the department, any local board or department of health may undertake to share the expense of furnishing free diagnosis and free treatment of venereal disease, or the local board or department of health may take over, entirely or in part, the furnishing of free diagnosis and free treatment of venereal disease with or without financial assistance from the department.

Section 10. Sale of Drugs for Venereal Diseases.—
The sale of drugs or other remedies for the treatment of venereal disease is prohibited, except under prescription of physicians licensed to practice in this Commonwealth.

Section 11. Persons Refusing to Submit to Treatment for Venereal Diseases.—

(a) If the secretary or any local health officer finds that any person who is infected with a venereal disease in a communicable stage refuses to submit to treatment approved by the department or by a local board or department of health, the secretary or the local health officer may file a bill in equity in the court of common pleas of the county in which the person is present to commit such person to an appropriate institution designated by the department or by the local board or department of health for safekeeping and treatment until the disease has been rendered non-communicable.

(b) Any county jail or other appropriate institution may receive persons who are isolated or quarantined by the department or by a local board or department of health by reason of a venereal disease for the purpose of safekeeping and treatment. The department or the local board or department of health shall reimburse any institution which accepts such persons at the rate of maintenance that prevails in such institution, and shall furnish the necessary medical treatment to the persons committed to such institution.

Section 12. Premarital Examination for Syphilis.—

(a) No license to marry shall be issued until there shall be in the possession of the clerk of the orphans' court a statement or statements signed by a duly licensed physician of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or of any other State or Territory, or any commissioned medical officer in the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force, or any physician of the Public Health Service of the Federal government, that the applicant within thirty days of the issuance of the marriage license has submitted to an examination to determine the existence or non-existence of syphilis, which examination has included a standard serological test or tests for syphilis, and that in the opinion of the examining physician the applicant is not infected with syphilis, or if so infected, is not in a stage of the disease which is likely to become communicable. The physician's statement shall be accompanied by a statement from the person in charge of the laboratory making the test, or from some other person authorized to make such statement, setting forth the name of the test, the date it was made, the name and address of the physician to whom a report was sent, and the exact name and address of the person whose blood was tested, but not setting forth the result of the test.

(b) Any applicant for a marriage license who has been denied a physician's statement as required by this

section shall have the right of appeal to the department for a review of the case, and the department shall, after appropriate investigation, issue or refuse to issue a statement in lieu of the physician's statement required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The statements required of the physician who examined the applicant and of the person in charge of the laboratory which made the serological or other test shall be uniform throughout the State and shall be upon forms provided by the department or upon any comparable forms provided by other states. These forms shall be filed by the clerk of the orphans' court separately from the applications for marriage licenses, and shall be regarded as confidential by any and every person whose duty it may be to obtain, make, transmit or receive such information or report.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any applicant for a marriage license, physician or representative of a laboratory to misrepresent any of the facts prescribed by this act, or for any licensing officer failing to receive the statements prescribed by this act *or having reason to believe that any of the facts therein have been misrepresented, nevertheless, to issue a marriage license, or for any person to disregard the confidential character of the information or reports required by this act, or for any other person otherwise to fail to comply with the provisions of this section.

(e) Any judge of an orphans' court within the county in which the license is to be issued is authorized and empowered, on joint application by both applicants for a marriage license, to waive the requirements as to medical examination, laboratory tests, and certificates, and to authorize the clerk of the orphans' court to issue the license, if all other requirements of the marriage laws have been complied with, and the judge is satisfied, by affidavit or other proof, that the examination or tests are contrary to the tenets or practices of the religious creed of which the applicant is an adherent, and that the public health and welfare will not be injuriously affected thereby.

Section 13. Prenatal Examination for Syphilis.—

(a) Every physician who attends, treats or examines any pregnant woman for conditions relating to pregnancy, during the period of gestation or at delivery, shall take or cause to be taken, unless the woman dissents, a sample of blood of such woman at the time of first examination, or within fifteen days thereof, and shall submit the sample to an approved laboratory for an approved serological test for syphilis. All other persons

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permitted by law to attend pregnant women, but not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall, unless the woman dissents, likewise cause a sample of the blood of every such pregnant woman attended by them to be taken by a physician licensed to practice in this Commonwealth and submit it to an approved laboratory for an approved serological test. In the event of dissent, it shall be the duty of the physician to explain to the pregnant woman the desirability of such a test. The serological test required by this section shall be made, without charge by the department, upon the request of the physician submitting the sample, if he submits a certificate that the patient is unable to pay.

(b) In reporting every birth and fetal death, physicians and others required to make such reports shall state upon the certificate whether or not the blood test required by this section was made. If the test was made, the date of the test shall be given. If the test was not made, it shall be stated whether it was not made because, in the opinion of the physician, the test was not advisable or because the woman dissented.

Section 14. Diagnostic Tests for Venereal Diseases.—For the purpose of this act, a standard or approved test procedure for each of the venereal diseases shall be a test approved by the department, and if a laboratory test is part of the approved procedure, it shall be made in a laboratory approved to make such tests by the department.

Section 15. Confidentiality of Reports and Records.—State and local health authorities may not disclose reports of diseases, any records maintained as a result of any action taken in consequence of such reports, or any other records maintained pursuant to this act or any regulations, to any person who is not a member of the department or of a local board or department of health, except where necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. State and local health authorities may permit the use of data contained in disease reports and other records, maintained pursuant to this act, or any regulation, for research purposes, subject to strict supervision by the health authorities to insure that the use of the reports and records is limited to the specific research purposes.

Section 16. Rules and Regulations.—

(a) The Board may issue rules and regulations with regard to the following:

(1) the communicable and non-communicable diseases, which are to be reportable;

(2) the methods of reporting of diseases, the contents of reports and the health authorities to whom diseases are to be reported;

(3) the communicable diseases which are to be subject to isolation, quarantine, or other control measures;

(4) the duration of the periods of isolation and quarantine;

(5) the enforcement of isolation quarantine and other control measures;

(6) the immunization and vaccination of persons and animals;

(7) the prevention and control of disease in public and private schools;

(8) the regulation of carriers;

(9) The advertisement of treatment, prophylaxis, diagnosis, and cure of venereal diseases and the information which physicians must convey to persons being treated for a venereal disease in a communicable stage;

(10) financial assistance for typhoid carriers;

(11) the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases; and

(12) any other matters it may deem advisable for the prevention and control of disease and for carrying out the provisions and purposes of this act.

(b) The Secretary shall, from time to time, review the rules and regulations and make recommendations to the Board for any changes which he deems advisable.

(c) Municipalities which have boards or departments of health or county departments of health may enact ordinances or issue rules and regulations relating to disease prevention and control, which are not less strict than the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations issued thereunder by the board. Local ordinances, rules or regulations relating to disease prevention and control, which are in effect on the effective date of this act, shall not be deemed to be repealed, unless they are less strict than the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations issued thereunder by the board.

Section 17. Saving Clause.—

The provisions of this act, so far as they are the same as those of acts repealed by this act, are intended as a continuation of such acts and not as new enactments. The provisions of this act shall not affect anything done or any right accrued, or affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any right or penalty or punish any offense, under the authority of any act repealed by this act. All rules and regulations issued by the board pursuant to any act repealed by

this act shall continue, until changed, with the same force and effect as if such acts had not been repealed.

Section 18. Severability.—

If any provision of this act or the application of any provision to particular circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of such provision to other circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 19. Penalties, Prosecutions and Disposition of Fines.—

(a) Any person afflicted with communicable tuberculosis, quarantined or caused to be quarantined in a State institution, who leaves without the consent of the medical director of the institution, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or undergo imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both.

(b) Any person afflicted with communicable tuberculosis, quarantined or caused to be quarantined under the provisions of this act in a State institution, who leaves without the consent of the medical director of the institution may be apprehended and returned thereto by any sheriff, constable or police officer or any health officer, at the expense of the county.

(c) Whoever delivers, or causes to be delivered, any alcoholic or other intoxicating or narcotic substance to any patient in any State sanatoria used for the treatment of tuberculosis without the knowledge of the medical director thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50), or to undergo imprisonment for not less than fifteen days nor more than three months, or both.

Section 20. Penalties, Prosecutions and Disposition of Fines.—

(a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act or any regulation shall, for each offense, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace in the county wherein the offense was committed, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and not more than three hundred dollars (\$300), together with costs, and in default of payment of the fine and costs, to be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

(b) Prosecutions may be instituted by the department, by a local board or department of health or by

any person having knowledge of a violation of any provisions of this act or any regulation.

(c) Any fine imposed for a violation occurring in a municipality which has its own local board or department of health shall be paid to the municipality. Any fine imposed for a violation occurring in a municipality served by a county department of health shall be paid to the county wherein the offense was committed. All other fines shall be paid into the General Fund of the Commonwealth. This disposition of fines shall be controlling regardless of the party instituting the prosecution.

Section 21. Specific Repeals.—

The following acts and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed absolutely:

(1) The act, approved the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred thirty-four (Pamphlet Laws 161), entitled "An act to protect the citizens of this Commonwealth from injuries arising from Mad Dogs running at large."

(2) The act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 443), entitled "An act for the prevention of blindness, by requiring the reporting of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) by physicians, midwives and others, and requiring the reporting of results of treatment of each case of said disease, and fixing a penalty for violation thereof."

(3) The act, approved the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 299), Act No. 150, entitled "An act requiring the examination and treatment for venereal diseases of prisoners convicted of crime or pending trial, and authorizing the State Department of Health to make suitable rules and regulations for its enforcement."

(4) The act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws 636), entitled "A supplement to an act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws three hundred and seventy-nine), entitled 'An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor;' providing for the quarantine, and for the reception, detention, care, and treatment, at said asylum, of persons suffering with syphilis, and for their commitment thereto; and providing for the payment of the cost of commitment, care, and mainte-

nance of such persons, in the same manner as insane persons.”

(5) The act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 888), entitled “An act to safeguard human life and health throughout the Commonwealth by providing for the reporting, quarantining, and control of diseases declared communicable by this act or by regulation of the Department of Health; providing for the prevention of infection therefrom; and prescribing penalties.”

(6) The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 60), entitled “An act to amend sections nine and ten of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 888), entitled ‘An act to safeguard human life and health throughout the Commonwealth by providing for the reporting, quarantining, and control of diseases declared communicable by this act or by regulation of the Department of Health; providing for the prevention of infection therefrom; and prescribing penalties.’ ”

(7) The act, approved the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 751), entitled “An act to amend sections one, two, three and section nine, as amended, of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 888), entitled ‘An act to safeguard human life and health throughout the Commonwealth by providing for the reporting, quarantining, and control of diseases declared communicable by this act or by regulation of the Department of Health; providing for the prevention of infection therefrom; and prescribing penalties,’ by eliminating lists of communicable diseases, and giving authority to the Department of Health to declare by regulation what diseases are communicable or communicable and quarantinable; shortening reports required of physicians in such cases; clarifying the duration of placarding; and empowering the Department of Health to obtain additional information from local health authorities.”

(8) The act, approved the fifteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 363), entitled “An act to amend sections two, three, four and six of the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 443), entitled ‘An act for the prevention of blindness, by requiring the reporting of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) by physicians, midwives and others, and requiring the re-

porting of results of treatment of each case of said disease, and fixing a penalty for violation thereof,' by imposing duties on public health nurses, social workers, county medical directors and physicians and increasing penalties for violation of said act."

(9) The act approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 808), entitled "An act for the prevention of congenital syphilis; providing for and regulating the taking of serological tests of certain women pregnant with child and requiring notation thereof on the birth and still-birth certificates of their children; imposing duties upon the Department of Health and upon physicians and other persons attending women pregnant with child and imposing penalties."

(10) The act approved the eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 203), entitled "An act to provide assistance for typhoid fever carriers and persons having typhoid fever carriers in their households *and imposing certain responsibilities upon the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Public Assistance, and the Secretary of Welfare in connection therewith."

(11) The act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 577), entitled "An act for the prevention, control and cure of venereal diseases by requiring certain persons to submit to physical examination and blood tests; providing for the treatment of certain persons; requiring reports to be made to the State Department of Health; imposing duties upon and authorizing and directing the Secretary of Health to make rules and regulations, and to disseminate certain information; regulating the advertisement and restricting the sale of certain drugs and remedies and imposing penalties."

(12) The act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act to amend section two of the act, approved the eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 203), entitled 'An act to provide assistance for typhoid fever carriers and persons having typhoid fever carriers in their households and imposing certain responsibilities upon the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Public Assistance, and the Secretary of Welfare in connection therewith,' by fixing the date on which financial assistance shall begin."

(13) The act, approved the tenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws

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491), entitled "An act to amend section five of the act, approved the sixteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 577), entitled 'An act for the prevention, control and cure of venereal diseases by requiring certain persons to submit to physical examination and blood tests; providing for the treatment of certain persons; requiring reports to be made to the State Department of Health; imposing duties upon and authorizing and directing the Secretary of Health to make rules and regulations, and to disseminate certain information; regulating the advertisement and restricting the sale of certain drugs and remedies and imposing penalties,' authorizing county jails to receive persons under quarantine, and providing for reimbursement by the Commonwealth."

(14) The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1333), entitled "An act to amend sections one, two, three and five of the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 443), entitled 'An act for the prevention of blindness, by requiring the reporting of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) by physicians, midwives and others, and requiring the reporting of results of treatment of each case of said disease, and fixing a penalty for violation thereof,' by adding county departments of health or joint-county departments of health to the health authorities to which cases of ophthalmia neonatorum must be reported."

(15) The act, approved the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1499), entitled "An act to amend sections one and two, as amended, sections four, five, six, seven and eight, and sections nine and ten, as amended, of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 888), entitled 'An act to safeguard human life and health throughout the Commonwealth by providing for the reporting, quarantining, and control of diseases declared communicable by this act or by regulation of the Department of Health; providing for the prevention of infection therefrom; and prescribing penalties,' by changing the method of approval of communicable disease regulations by the advisory health board, and by adding counties which have established a county department of Health or joint-county department of health to the political subdivisions required or empowered to perform certain duties relating to the reporting, quarantining, and control of diseases declared communicable by law or regulation."

Section 22. General Repealer.—

All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 501

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 521), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the imposition and collection of certain taxes upon the transfer of property passing from a decedent who was a resident of this Commonwealth at the time of his death, and of property within this Commonwealth of a decedent who was a nonresident of the Commonwealth at the time of his death; defining and taxing transfers made in contemplation of death; defining as a transfer and taxing the right of survivorship in property as to which such right exists; and making it unlawful for any corporation of this Commonwealth, or national banking association located therein, to transfer the stock of such corporation or banking association, standing in the name of any such decedent, until the tax on the transfer thereof has been paid; and providing penalties; and citing certain acts for repeal," changing the tax rate on property transferred to lineal descendants of adopted children.

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

Section 1. Section two, act of June twenty, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws 521), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the imposition and collection of certain taxes upon the transfer of property passing from a decedent who was a resident of this Commonwealth at the time of his death, and of property within this Commonwealth of a decedent who was a nonresident of the Commonwealth at the time of his death; defining and taxing transfers made in contemplation of death; defining as a transfer and taxing the right of survivorship in property as to which such right exists; and making it unlawful for any corporation of this Commonwealth, or national banking association located therein, to transfer the stock of such corporation or banking association, standing in the name of any such decedent, until the tax on the transfer thereof has been paid; and providing penalties; and citing certain acts for repeal," amended December twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1713), is amended to read:

Section 2, act of June 20, 1919, P. L. 521, amended December 21, 1951. P. L. 1713. further amended.

Section 2. All taxes imposed by this act shall be imposed upon the clear value of the property subject Rate of direct tax.