

due. Such suits shall be begun within [sixty (60) days] *one (1) year* after such taxes [become due] *have been assessed.*

(b) If for any reason the tax is not paid when due in each year, interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum on the amount of said tax, and an additional penalty of *one-half of one per centum [(1%)] (½%)* of the amount of the unpaid tax for each month, or fraction thereof, during which the tax remains unpaid, shall be added and collected. Where suit is brought for the recovery of any such tax the person shall be liable for, and in addition to the tax assessed against such person, the costs of such collection, and the interest and penalties herein imposed shall be collected.

(c) *All penalty in excess of one-half of one per centum (½%) per month on unpaid taxes levied pursuant to the act for the year 1955 and all previous years are hereby abated, if the unpaid taxes and penalty (not to exceed one-half of one per centum (½%) per month) and interest are paid on or before December thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, provided the taxpayer's 1955 and 1956 taxes levied under this act are paid. No refund of taxes, interest or penalties paid prior to the date of the enactment of this act shall be made as a result of the amendments herein contained.*

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 520

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to acquire land in the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, for the use of Nanticoke State Hospital, and making an appropriation.

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

Real property.

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized to accept as a gift in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for use of the Nanticoke State Hospital, a tract of land in the City of Nanticoke and County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, authorized to accept a gift of land in the City of Nanticoke, Luzerne County.

Beginning at a point at the southeasterly intersection of Grant and Leemine Streets; thence along the easterly line of Grant Street south 17 degrees 17 minutes east 434.15 feet to the northeasterly intersection of Grant and Grove Streets; thence across Grant Street south 71 de-

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grees 12 minutes west 55.02 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of land of the Nanticoke State Hospital; thence along land of the Nanticoke State Hospital and the westerly line of Grant Street north 17 degrees 17 minutes west 424.80 feet to the northeasterly corner of land of the Nanticoke State Hospital and the southwesterly intersection of Grant and Leemine Streets; thence across Grant Street north 61 degrees 38 minutes east 56.04 feet to the place of beginning, containing 23,613 square feet of land, more or less.

Being that portion of Grant Street between the southerly line of Leemine Street and the northerly line of Grove Street as laid out and plotted by the M. A. Hanna Company and recorded in Luzerne County Map Book, page 46, which was vacated by ordinance of the City Council of the City of Nanticoke May 4, 1953, and reverted to the M. A. Hanna Company.

Title to be approved by Department of Justice.

Appropriation.

Section 2. The land shall not be accepted until its title has been approved by the Department of Justice.

Section 3. The sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies for the payment of incidental expenses, including the completion of an abstract of title.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 521

AN ACT

Amending the act of May thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1198), entitled "An act providing for the conservation and improvement of land affected in connection with the mining of bituminous coal by the open pit mining method; regulating such mining; and providing penalties," further regulating mining operations; requiring the filing of maps; changing provisions with respect to registration, bonds, backfill, overburden, enforcement of the act, appeals and penalties; and providing for the payment of fines into a special fund.

Bituminous Coal Open Pit Mining Conservation Act.

Section 4, act of May 31, 1945, P. L. 1198, amended May 23, 1949, P. L. 1730, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section four, act of May thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1198), known as the "Bituminous Coal Open Pit Mining Conservation Act," amended May twenty-three,