

twelve hundred feet, which is zoned to prohibit the erection of commercial signs or other advertising media or commercial enterprises thereon.

Section 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 272

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," authorizing the courts to determine and make orders with respect to visitation rights of parents.

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

Section 1. Section 731, act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended to read:

The Penal Code.

Section 731. Wilful Separation or Nonsupport.—Whoever, being a husband or father, separates himself from his wife or from his children or from wife and children, without reasonable cause, or wilfully neglects to maintain his wife or children, such wife or children being destitute, or being dependent wholly or in part on their earnings for adequate support, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or both. Such fine, if any, may be paid or applied, in whole or in part, to the wife or children, as the court may direct.

Section 731, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended.

No such conviction, payment, or fine, or undergoing imprisonment shall in any manner affect the obligation of any order for support theretofore made against the defendant in any competent court.

In any such case, the court may suspend sentence upon and during compliance by the defendant with any order for support as already made or as thereafter modified. If no such order shall have been made, then the court trying the defendant may make such order for the support by the defendant of his wife and children or either of them, which order shall be subject to modification by the court on cause shown, and may suspend sentence upon and during the compliance by defendant with such order upon entry of bond by defendant with surety approved by the court, conditioned on compliance with such order. *The court after hearing the par-*

ties may also determine and make orders with respect to the right of parents to visit their children.

In any proceedings under this section, the wife or any person having the care, custody, or control of minor children shall be a competent witness.

As used in this section, the word "children" shall be limited to mean children under sixteen (16) years of age, and also such children over sixteen (16) and under twenty-one (21) years of age, as by reason of infirmity are incapable of supporting themselves. "Separation" or "nonsupport" shall include every case where a husband has caused his wife to leave him by conduct on his part which would be ground for divorce, or a father has neglected to provide for maintenance, support, and care of his wife or children or wife and children.

APPROVED—The 5th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 273

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to sell and convey forty-five acres, more or less, of land and buildings comprising the Scotland School for Veterans' Children, situate in Greene Township, Franklin County.

Real property.

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

Department of Property and Supplies, with approval of Governor, authorized to sell certain land in Greene Township, Franklin County.

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to sell at public sale to the highest bidder the following described tract of land and buildings thereon comprising the Scotland School for Veterans' Children, situate in the Township of Greene, County of Franklin, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at an iron pin; thence by lands of McLain north 43 degrees east 8.2 perches to a point; thence by the same north 25 degrees west 4.8 perches to a point; thence by land formerly of Mrs. S. E. Coffman and D. W. Hess, heirs, now of Mont Alto Orchard Company, north $57\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 45 perches to a stone; thence by the same north $26\frac{3}{4}$ degrees east 7.44 perches to an iron pin; thence by land of Mont Alto Orchard Company north 52 degrees east 27.68 perches to an iron pin; thence by the same north $26\frac{3}{4}$ degrees west 1.82 perches