

shall be paid to him, under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act of Pennsylvania,] he shall be eligible to pension under this act; but any amount, in which he shall have been indebted to the fund at the date of his injury, shall be repaid, if the board, in its discretion, shall so require, in such monthly payments as said board may determine, which amounts shall be deducted from his pension, as and when monthly payments thereof shall be made.

Section 3. Section 14 of the act, amended February 1, 1956 (P. L. 979), is amended to read:

Section 14 of the act, amended February 1, 1956, P. L. 979, further amended.

Section 14. Pensions paid under the provisions of this act to beneficiaries who retire on or after January one, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six, shall equal not less than fifty per centum of the amount which would constitute the average monthly salary or wages [as] received by the [employees] *beneficiary as an employee* of the Bureau of Police during the highest paid five years in which time [the employee] *such beneficiary* made monthly contributions to the pension fund prior to his or her retirement. *In the event that any employee has not been employed in the Bureau of Police for at least five years, but is otherwise entitled to a pension, such employee's pension shall equal not less than fifty per centum of the amount which would constitute the average monthly salary or wages received by the beneficiary as an employee of the Bureau of Police but in no event shall such pension be less than two hundred dollars per month.* No pension paid pursuant to this section shall be computed on a monthly salary or wage in excess of five hundred dollars nor shall a pension be paid for a fraction of a service year. A service year shall be computed from the date of employment of the employee. Pension payments shall always be payable on the third working day of each month and shall be for the preceding month.

APPROVED—The 17th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 361

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 6, 1956 (P. L. 1256), entitled "An act imposing a tax on the occupancy of rooms in hotels, inns, motels, tourist homes, houses, or courts, lodging houses and rooming houses, defined herein as hotels; prescribing the manner of collecting the tax; providing for licenses; imposing duties on and prescribing powers of the Department of Revenue; and fixing penalties," increasing the rate of tax.

The Hotel Occu-  
pancy Tax Act.

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

Section 201,  
article II, act of  
March 6, 1956,  
P. L. 1256,  
amended April  
15, 1959, P. L.  
39, further  
amended.

Section 1. Section 201 of article II., act of March 6, 1956 (P. L. 1256), known as "The Hotel Occupancy Tax Act," amended April 15, 1959 (P. L. 39), is amended to read:

Section 201. Imposition of Tax.—An excise tax of [three and one-half] *four* per centum of the rent thereof is hereby imposed upon every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel in this Commonwealth: Provided, however, That where the tax percentage imposition results in a tax sum which contains a fraction of a cent such fractional cent shall be increased to the next highest even cent. The tax shall be collected by the operator from the occupant and paid over to the Commonwealth as herein provided.

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect one day after final enactment.

APPROVED—The 17th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 362

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 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," further defining persons eligible for public assistance.

Public Assist-  
ance Law.

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

Section 9, act of  
June 24, 1937,  
P. L. 2051,  
amended August  
22, 1953, P. L.  
1361, amended  
by adding a new  
clause (e).

Section 1. Section 9, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended August 22, 1953 (P. L. 1361), is amended by adding at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 9. Eligibility for Assistance.—

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