

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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(e) No person shall be rendered ineligible for public assistance solely by reason of his living in a foster home.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 363

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating thereto," providing an additional procedure for creating cities, authorizing elections and permitting selection of a form of city government in such cases from among several optional plans and conferring powers and imposing duties on courts of quarter sessions, county boards of elections and corporate authorities of towns, townships and boroughs.

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

The Third Class City Code.

Section 1. The act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), known as "The Third Class City Code," reenacted and amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 662), is amended by adding, after article II., a new article to read:

Act of June 23, 1931, P. L. 932, reenacted and amended June 28, 1951, P. L. 662, amended by adding a new article II-A.

ARTICLE II-A

ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR INCORPORATION

Section 250. Appointment of Charter Commission.—The corporate authorities of any town, township, or borough or of any combination of contiguous towns, townships or boroughs may and, upon petition of two hundred or more qualified electors thereof, shall petition the court of quarter sessions of the county in which such towns, townships or boroughs are situate, for the appointment of a charter commission to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a form of city government for such towns, townships or boroughs. Whenever any such towns, townships or boroughs, or combination thereof, are situate in more than one county, the petition shall be brought to the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the larger percentage of the population thereof are resident.

The charter commission so appointed shall consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members who shall be qualified electors of the town, township or borough, and if the petition is brought on behalf of more than one town, township or borough, the charter commission shall be appointed from among qualified electors of each of such towns, townships or boroughs.

In every case, at least three members of the charter commission shall be appointed from among the members of the governing bodies of the towns, townships or boroughs bringing a petition, and when two or more towns,