

Section 2. The members of the State Harness Racing Commission in office at the time of this enactment shall continue in office and shall continue to have the same powers and duties as heretofore granted until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed.

Present members to remain.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 647

AN ACT

Amending the act of October 2, 1959 (P. L. 1251), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal, and manner of filling vacancies; fixing the salary of the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for compilation of lists of employes," further providing that one postmaster shall be employed on an annual basis and providing for the appointment of stenographers by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

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

General Assembly.

Section 1. Clauses (10) and (16), section 3, act of October 2, 1959 (P. L. 1251), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal, and manner of filling vacancies; fixing the salary of the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for compilation of lists of employes," are amended to read:

Clauses (10) and (16), section 3, act of October 2, 1959, P. L. 1251, amended.

Section 3. The following officers and employes of the Senate shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate to serve at his pleasure and receive the compensation and perform the duties herein specified:

President pro tempore: officers and employes.

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(10) One postmaster at [a per diem compensation of twelve dollars (\$12)] *an annual salary of four thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$4680)*;

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(16) Forty-six stenographers, each of whom shall have successfully completed the prescribed course of a

four year public high school or its equivalent and, as a part thereof or in addition thereto, shall have successfully completed a course of not less than eight months in shorthand and typewriting, at an annual salary of three thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$3666), each;

In lieu of any one of the said stenographers, the President pro tempore may appoint two part time stenographers who shall possess the same qualifications as above at an annual combined salary of three thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$3666).

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APPROVED—The 20th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 648

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 12, 1951 (P. L. 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," regulating voluntary admission of minors to institutions and further regulating emergency commitments.

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

The Mental Health Act of 1951.

Section 301, act of June 12, 1951, P. L. 533, amended January 14, 1952, P. L. 2053, further amended.

Section 1. Section 301, act of June 12, 1951 (P. L. 533), known as "The Mental Health Act of 1951," amended January 14, 1952 (P. L. 2053), is amended to read:

Section 301. Application for Voluntary Admission.—

(a) Application for voluntary admission as a patient may be made—

(1) By any person thought to be mentally ill, to the superintendent of any mental hospital.

(2) By any epileptic twenty-one years of age or older, to the superintendent of any school or institution for the care of epileptics.

(3) By any inebriate, to the superintendent of any mental hospital, institution for the care of inebriates, or of any general hospital maintaining a psychiatric department or ward.

(4) *In the interest of any person under twenty-one years of age thought to be mentally ill, to the superintendent of any mental hospital.*