

Subpoena power :
penalties: oaths.

Section 3. The committee may issue subpoenas, under the hand and seal of its chairman, commanding any person to appear before it and to answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems necessary. Any person who wilfully neglects or refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases. Each member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is appropriated for the expenses of the committee in carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 361

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2045), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the support of indigent persons; providing for the support of such persons by certain relatives, and for the recovery of public moneys expended for care and assistance from the property and estates of certain persons; providing for guardians of the person and property of such persons; providing for the arrest and seizure and sale of the property of deserters; and providing procedure," further regulating liability for and adjustment or recovery of payments of medical assistance for the aged.

The Support Law.

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

Subsection (c), section 4, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2045, amended August 22, 1961, P. L. 1029, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 4, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2045), known as "The Support Law," amended August 22, 1961 (P. L. 1029), is amended to read:

Section 4. Property of Persons Liable for Expenses Incurred for Support and Assistance.—

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(c) No lien may be imposed against the property of any individual [prior to his death,] or of his spouse on account of medical assistance for the aged paid or to be

paid on his behalf (except pursuant to the judgment of a court on account of benefits incorrectly paid on behalf of such individual), and there shall be no adjustment or recovery [(except after the death of such individual and his surviving spouse, if any,) from such individual's estate []] or from the estate of his spouse of any medical assistance for the aged correctly paid on behalf of such individual.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in sixty days.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 362

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 7, 1901 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," authorizing officials, officers and agencies thereof to issue subpoenas for the purposes of certain hearings held by them; and authorizing refusal to obey such subpoenas or failure to testify or to be sworn or affirmed or any contempt, after summons to appear, to be cited for contempt, and requiring such testimony to be at a hearing at which the public is admitted.

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

Cities of second class.

Section 1. The act of March 7, 1901 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act for the government of cities of the second class," is amended by adding, after Article XI., a new article to read:

Act of March 7, 1901, P. L. 20, amended by adding Article XI.I.

Article XI.I.

Powers of Subpoenas Compelling Testimony at Public or Closed Hearings.

Section 1. In any case where an official or officer of a city of the second class or any agency thereof is specifically empowered to conduct public hearings, such officer, official or agency shall have authority for the purposes of such hearings to issue subpoenas for the attendance and giving of testimony of such witnesses as are subject to the subpoenas of the courts of record of this Commonwealth, and to issue subpoenas duces tecum as to such witnesses. In the case of an agency, such subpoenas shall issue in the name of the city and of the agency upon the signature of the presiding officer thereof and the official seal, if any, of the agency.

Subpoena powers.

Any witness who refuses to obey a subpoena issued hereunder or who refuses to be sworn or affirmed or to