

plates beginning with the "PP" characters, and beginning with the registration year 1964 and thereafter, the department shall issue registration plates with the "PP" characters enclosed in a Keystone shield only to persons who meet the requirements of this subsection and who have made application therefor, under oath, setting forth such information as the department may reasonably require.

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Penalty.—Any person violating subsection (c) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than three (3) days, and any person who makes a false statement in any application for the issuance of registration plates with the letters "PP" inscribed thereon, as provided in subsection (g) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

Section 2. Section 702 of the act is amended to read:

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act, amended.

Section 702. Motor Vehicles.—The fee for annual registration of motor vehicles, except as provided in this act, shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), and, if the department shall be requested by the applicant for registration to assign to motor vehicles any special series of registration plates for which no additional fee is expressly provided for by this act, an additional fee in an amount equal to the fee for annual registration of each such motor vehicle.

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 392

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "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 Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare 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 assistance to include purchased hospital and post hospital care, and prescribing procedures and requirements.

Public Assistance Law.

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

Section 2, section heading 9, first paragraph subsection (a), section 9.1 and section 9.3, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, added or amended July 26, 1961, P. L. 875, further amended.

Section 1. Section 2, the section heading of section 9, the first paragraph of subsection (a) of section 9.1 and section 9.3, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," added or amended July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875), are amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated, "Assistance" means assistance in money, goods, shelter, medical care, including medical assistance for the aged, *and purchased hospital and post hospital care*, work relief or services, provided from or with State, Federal, county, county institution district or municipal funds, for indigent persons who reside in Pennsylvania and need assistance to provide for themselves and their dependents a decent and healthful standard of living, and for indigent homeless or transient persons. The word, assistance, shall be construed to include pensions for those blind persons who are entitled to pensions, as provided in this act, and to include also burial for those indigent persons who were receiving assistance at the time of their death. The word, assistance, shall also be construed to include sufficient financial assistance to enable physically disabled persons who require nursing home care, as prescribed by responsible physicians, to secure adequate nursing home care even though the rate of such assistance may be greater than the usual rate of assistance to persons who do not need nursing home care.

"General Assistance" means assistance provided to persons entitled under this act to assistance, other than dependent children, aged persons, blind persons, disabled persons, [and] persons entitled to medical assistance for the aged, *and persons entitled only to purchased hospital and post hospital care.*

"Local Board" means any county board of assistance, established under the provisions of this act.

The masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

Section 9. Eligibility for Assistance other than Medical Assistance for the Aged *and Purchased Hospital and Post Hospital Care.*—

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Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—(a) As used in this [section] act,

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Section 9.3. Additional Medical Assistance.—(a) In addition to any other assistance, aged persons receiving assistance under the provisions of clause (b) of section 9 shall be eligible for inpatient hospital care, post hospital care in the home and nursing care in the home, to the extent provided under this act for medical assistance for the aged.

(b) *In addition to any other assistance, persons receiving assistance under the provisions of clauses (a), (c.1) or (d) of section 9 of this act shall be eligible for purchased hospital care.*

Section 2. The act is amended by adding, after section 9.4, a new section to read:

Act amended by adding a new section 9.5

Section 9.5. Purchased Hospital and Post Hospital Care.—(a) Purchased hospital care shall consist of full or partial payment of the following percentages of the cost of inpatient hospital care not counting so much of such cost as exceeds twenty-five dollars (\$25):

(1) Eighty per cent for the first ten days in a benefit period.

(2) Fifty per cent for the second ten days in a benefit period.

(3) Forty per cent for the third ten days in a benefit period.

(4) The Secretary of Public Welfare, with the approval of the Governor, may authorize payment of lesser percentages from those set forth in clauses (1), (2) and (3) hereof.

(5) No payment shall be made for more than thirty days in a benefit period: Provided, That the total payment for a benefit period shall be at least the product of the number of days of inpatient hospital care during the benefit period multiplied by (i) ten dollars (\$10) or (ii) the cost of inpatient hospital care during the benefit period, whichever is less.

(b) Post hospital care shall consist of care not more than sixty days in any twelve month period in non-public nursing homes as prescribed by responsible physicians and initiated within five days following purchased hospital care. Payment for post hospital care shall be at rates not to exceed those established by the Department of Public Welfare for non-public nursing home care for other assistance recipients.

(c) A person shall be eligible for purchased hospital and post hospital care if he:

(1) *Is under sixty-five years of age. A minor or an incompetent adult living with his relative shall be eligible if such relative is eligible.*

(2) *Resides in Pennsylvania, but in cases of accident or emergency a person who does not reside in Pennsylvania and who is otherwise eligible may receive purchased hospital care.*

(3) *Is a single person or married but not living with spouse and has an annual income of not more than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) and real and personal property exclusive of resident property, household furnishings and automobile of a value less encumbrances of not more than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500), or is living with spouse and their combined annual income does not exceed twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) and the value less encumbrances of their combined real and personal property exclusive of resident property, household furnishings and automobile does not exceed twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400), except that, when minor or incompetent children live with and are dependent upon the applicant, the maximum income shall be adjusted upward in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such child: Provided, however, That when a person otherwise eligible for such purchased hospital and post hospital care has property valued in excess of the appropriate amount specified in this subsection, he shall be eligible for such purchased hospital and post hospital care but the payment for which he is eligible shall be reduced by the amount of such excess, and when a person otherwise eligible for such purchased hospital and post hospital care has income in excess of the appropriate amount specified in this subsection, the payment for which he is eligible shall be reduced by six times the average monthly excess of such income.*

Subsection (b), section 13.1 of act, added July 26, 1961, P. L. 875, amended.

Section 3. Subsection (b) of section 13.1 of the act, added July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875), is amended to read:

Section 13.1. Application.— * * *

(b) Whenever a person in need of medical assistance for the aged or purchased hospital and post hospital care is unable to make application therefor by reason of his illness or infirmity, application on his behalf may be made by a relative, friend or official of the hospital providing medical care. Such application shall contain a statement as required in subsection (a) of this section and a bond conditioned as therein provided, except that such applicant shall be permitted to make affidavit that the facts set forth in such statement are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Section 4. Purchased hospital and post hospital care under the provisions of this act shall be paid for on or after March 1, 1964. Date payments begin.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately. Act effective immediately.

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 393

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 27, 1947 (P. L. 1095), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the regulation of mining of anthracite coal by the open pit or strip mining method and for the conservation and improvement of lands affected directly or indirectly by such mining; requiring operators to register, pay a license fee and secure a permit to engage in strip mining and file a bond conditioned for compliance with this act; requiring backfilling of stripping pits and leveling and planting lands affected to prevent erosion and the pollution of waters and to protect public health, safety and welfare; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries; providing for appeals, and imposing penalties, and making appropriations," re-defining certain terms, regulating the licensure of anthracite strip mining operators and the issuance of permits for strip mining operations; imposing fees; providing for the suspension of licenses; further regulating bonds and backfilling; authorizing the secretary to make rules and regulations; imposing additional penalties; changing appeal procedure; creating a Land Restoration Board to determine the amount of backfilling or alternative use of land in certain cases, and creating a Bureau of Anthracite Conservation and Reclamation within the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Anthracite Strip Mining Law.

Section 1. The title, act of June 27, 1947 (P. L. 1095), known as the "Anthracite Strip Mining Law," amended September 2, 1961 (P. L. 1194), is amended to read: Title, act of June 27, 1947, P. L. 1095, amended September 2, 1961, P. L. 1194, further amended.

AN ACT

Providing for the regulation of mining of anthracite coal by the open pit or strip mining method and for the conservation and improvement of lands affected directly or indirectly by such mining; requiring operators to [register, pay a license fee and secure a permit to engage in strip mining and file a bond] *be licensed, to pay license fees, to secure permits to engage in strip mining and to file bonds* conditioned for compliance with this act; requiring backfilling of stripping pits and leveling and planting lands affected New title.