

Section 4. General Powers and Duties of Department of Public Welfare.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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*(o) To contract with one or more nonprofit corporations authorized by law to operate nonprofit hospital plans, nonprofit medical, osteopathic and dental service plans or nonprofit dental service plans for the purpose of providing medical services, including inpatient hospital care, to persons who are eligible for such services as assistance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount of assistance to be paid on behalf of a person eligible for services provided under such a contract shall, if Federal funds otherwise available to Pennsylvania are not thereby decreased, equal the excess of the cost of such services over the greater of (i) the amount of the person's excess income and excess property exclusive of insurance for such services, or (ii) the value of the person's own insurance for such services. Such a contract shall provide for payment to the corporation of actual costs incurred by the corporation under the contract.*

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

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No. 395

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 26, 1953 (P. J. 1476), entitled "An act to carry out the intent and purpose of Article XV, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and to supplement the First Class City Home Rule Act, approved April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), by vesting in the Council of the City of Philadelphia full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of certain officers, offices, boards and commissions of the City of Philadelphia; providing that such officers may be made appointive or abolished; altering the term of the District Attorney of Philadelphia; and establishing the status of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission, the members of such board and commission, and the subordinates and employes of such officers, board and commission," removing the exclusion of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission from the provisions of section 2, and providing that such officers be included within the provisions of the said section, so that the Council of the City of Philadelphia shall have full power to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of the Sheriff, City Com-

missioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission of the City of Philadelphia subject to approval of the electorate of the City of Philadelphia.

Council of City of Philadelphia.

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

Section 2, act of August 26, 1953, P. L. 1476, amended by adding two new subsections (c) and (d).

Section 1. Section 2, act of August 26, 1953 (P. L. 1476), entitled "An act to carry out the intent and purpose of Article XV, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and to supplement the First Class City Home Rule Act, approved April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), by vesting in the Council of the City of Philadelphia full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of certain officers, offices, boards and commissions of the City of Philadelphia; providing that such officers may be made appointive or abolished; altering the term of the District Attorney of Philadelphia; and establishing the status of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission, the members of such board and commission, and the subordinates and employes of such officers, board and commission," is amended by adding, after subsection (b), two new subsections to read:

Section 2. Powers of Council.—

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(c) *Subject to the provisions of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter and the First Class City Home Rule Act of April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), the Council of the City of Philadelphia shall have full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Registration Commission and Board of Revision of Taxes, or its successor, with respect to the making of assessments of real and personal property as provided by act of Assembly. The provisions of Section 1-102 (2) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter are hereby validated and the power of Council to act thereunder is hereby confirmed.*

(d) *Legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia under the authority of subsection (c) of this section shall not be effective until approved by the electorate of the City of Philadelphia in the same manner as amendments to the Home Rule Charter under the First Class City Home Rule Act.*

Section 5 of act repealed.

Section 2. Section 5 of the act is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective  
immediately.

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

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No. 396

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," exempting bid bonds issued in connection with public or private contracts from the counter-signature provisions.

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

The Insurance  
Company Law  
of 1921.

Section 1. Section 501, act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), known as "The Insurance Company Law of 1921," is amended to read:

Section 501 act  
of May 17, 1921,  
P. L. 682,  
amended.

Section 501. Foreign Companies, Associations, and Exchanges To Do Business through Resident Agents.—No stock fire insurance company, association, or exchange, not incorporated under the laws of this State, authorized to transact business herein, shall make, write, place, or cause to be made, written, or placed, any policy, duplicate policy, or contract of insurance of any kind or character, or any general or floating policy upon property situated or located in this State, except after the said risk has been approved in writing by an agent who is a resident of or whose principal place of business is in this State, regularly licensed to transact insurance business herein, who shall countersign all policies so issued, and receive the commission thereon when the premium is paid, to the end that the State may receive the taxes required by law to be paid on the premiums collected for insurance on all property located in this State. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any such foreign insurance company, association, or exchange, authorized to transact business in this State, from issuing policies at its principal or department offices, covering property in this State, if such policies are issued upon applications procured and submitted to such company, association, or exchange by agents who are residents of this State, and licensed to