

Section 1803. Forest; Powers.—The Department of Forests and Waters shall have the power:

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(j.1) To lease, with the approval of the Governor, and in cooperation with the Department of Commerce, those State forest lands acquired by gift from Pennsylvania State University or by acquisition from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation which are located at Quehanna, Pennsylvania, and upon which are erected certain industrial buildings constructed by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation for industrial or economic development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Forests and Waters deems to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A. D. 1967.

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No. 57

AN ACT

SB 385

Amending the act of May 14, 1874 (P. L. 166), entitled "An act to provide for the submission of civil cases by agreement of the parties to a referee learned in the law," further providing for the compensation of referees.

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

Section 1. Section 8, act of May 14, 1874 (P. L. 166), entitled "An act to provide for the submission of civil cases by agreement of the parties to a referee learned in the law," is amended to read:

Section 8. Said referee shall receive [the sum of ten dollars] a sum not exceeding fifty dollars per day for the time he is engaged in the performance of his duties as referee, to be taxed and paid as part of the costs of the case, and the said referee shall make out his bill, with affidavit attached, and submit the same to the court, and thereupon the court shall, after due examination, direct the taxation of so much costs as the referee is by law entitled to have. In the event of

any dispute as to the referee's compensation, the court shall fix the same, giving due consideration to the work done by the referee.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1967.

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No. 58

AN ACT

HB 108

Imposing liability upon parents for personal injury, or theft, destruction, or loss of property caused by the wilful, tortious acts of children under eighteen years of age, setting forth limitations, and providing procedure for recovery.

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

Section 1. As used in this act:

(1) "Person" includes natural persons, partnerships, associations, private and public corporations, authorities, fiduciaries, the United States and any governmental agency thereof, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and any agency or political subdivision thereof.

(2) "Parent" includes natural or adoptive parents.

Section 2. Any parent whose child under the age of eighteen years is found liable or is adjudged guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of a wilful, tortious act resulting in injury to the person, or theft, destruction or loss of property of another, shall be liable to the person who suffers the injury, theft, destruction or loss to the extent hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. (a) In any proceeding of a criminal nature against a child under the age of eighteen years and in any proceeding against a child in a juvenile court, the court shall ascertain the amount sufficient to fully reimburse any person who has suffered injury to the person, or theft, destruction or loss of property because of the wilful, tortious act of the child, and direct the parents to make payment in the amount not to exceed the limitations set forth in section 4 hereof. If the parents fail to comply with the direction of the court, the amount may be recovered in an action of assumpsit against the parents or either of them.

(b) If a judgment has been rendered against the child for injury to the person, or theft, destruction, or loss of property because of the wilful, tortious act of the child in a civil proceeding and such judgment has not been satisfied within a period of thirty days, the injured person may petition the court for a rule to show cause why judgment should not be entered against the parent. A parent shall have the right to file an answer to said petition and if there is any dispute as to unlitigated facts, the case shall be set down for trial. If there is no dispute as to the unlitigated facts, the court shall authorize the entry