

No. 215

AN ACT

HB 1438

Amending the act of April 18, 1949 (P. L. 599), entitled "An act establishing, within the limits of Philadelphia, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute as a State institution; providing for a board of trustees and a medical advisory board therefor; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Property and Supplies, the Department of Welfare, the board of trustees and the medical advisory board," making certain deletions, providing duties and rights for the institute, and repealing certain sections.

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

Section 1. Section 1,¹ act of April 18, 1949 (P. L. 599), entitled "An act establishing, within the limits of Philadelphia, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute as a State institution; providing for a board of trustees and a medical advisory board therefor; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Property and Supplies, the Department of Welfare, the board of trustees and the medical advisory board," is amended to read:

Section 1. There is hereby directed to be established and erected, at a site within the limits of the City of Philadelphia to be designated by the Department of Welfare with the approval of the Governor, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute [for study and research into the causes, treatment, prevention and cure of the various types of nervous disorders and mental diseases. This institute shall also provide training and teaching, both at the undergraduate and at the graduate level, of students who, upon graduation, will enter the practice of general medicine with a technical background of training in mental illness, as well as for the purpose of taking up the great gap between the number of qualified psychiatrists and the number who are needed as a result of the constantly mounting number of persons needing attention for mental disorders.

A further purpose of the institute shall be to provide regular courses of study for State Hospital personnel in order that there may be a more highly trained and efficient staff and personnel in the various mental institutions throughout the Commonwealth.

A further purpose shall be to deal with the mental hygiene of the normal child in the way of study and training in order that there may be a program of prevention of mental and nervous disorders as a result of giving children the proper background and training that will prevent such disorders.

For a further purpose, the institute shall focus its expert activities on problems of administration so that studies may be made to deal effectively, humanely and economically with the care of mental illness

¹ "of the" in original.

throughout the Commonwealth]. The institute shall accept patients with mental, neurological and related disorders who present special problems in diagnosis and treatment, including those transferred by the department from other State Hospitals. It shall provide training and teaching to graduate and undergraduate students in the mental health field and shall conduct research into the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of mental, neurological and related disorders. Through the department, the institute may enter into agreements specifying the terms and conditions under which medical schools selected by the Secretary of Public Welfare may be associated with the institute in providing diagnosis, treatment, training, teaching and research.

Section 2. Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of October, A. D. 1967.

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No. 216

AN ACT

HB 1439

Amending the act of June 13, 1967, Act No. 21 (P. L. 31), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," making editorial changes, deleting certain exceptions to the act, and limiting the duties of the department.

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

Section 1. Clause (6) of subsection (a) of section 317, subsection (b) of section 317, and clause (2) of section 1101, act of June 13, 1967, Act No. 21 (P. L. 31), known as the "Public Welfare Code," are amended to read:

Section 317. Boards of Trustees of Other State Institutions; Powers and Duties.—(a) The powers and duties of the boards of trustees of each State institution within the department caring for the mentally ill, feeble-minded, mentally retarded, mentally deficient,