

missioners the portion charged to each county shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50), and in the case of the probation officers an annual membership subscription not exceeding six dollars (\$6) per member shall be paid by the county, and shall be in lieu of the expenses hereinbefore in this section provided for other county officers.

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 445 of this act is amended to read:

Section 445. Annual Assessments for County Commissioners, Etc. —(a) In addition to the expenses hereinbefore authorized, the necessary expenses of the association of county commissioners, county solicitors and chief clerks shall be apportioned among the counties holding membership in the association in amounts provided for by the rules and regulations of the association but shall not total more than:

(1) [Three hundred dollars (\$300)] six hundred dollars (\$600) for any county of the third class;

(2) [Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)] five hundred dollars (\$500) for any county of the fourth class;

(3) [Two hundred dollars (\$200)] four hundred dollars (\$400) for any county of the fifth class;

(4) [One hundred fifty dollars (\$150)] three hundred dollars (\$300) for any county of the sixth class;

(5) [One hundred dollars (\$100)] two hundred dollars (\$200) for any county of the seventh class; or

(6) [Seventy-five dollars (\$75)] one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for any county of the eighth class per annum.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 431

AN ACT

HB 1862

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," making it illegal for certain persons to hold another person as a hostage and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 723.1, act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," added July 29, 1953 (P. L. 1442), is amended to read:

Section 723.1. Holding a Hostage [in a Penal Institution].—Whoever, being imprisoned in any penal or correctional institution located in this Commonwealth, or having committed the offense of prison breach or having escaped from any such penal or correctional institution, by threats, coercion, intimidation or physical force takes, or holds, or carries away, or decoys, or entices away, or secretes, any person as a hostage, or for any other reason, is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor for the term of his or her natural life, or to pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor for any term of years.

APPROVED—The 18th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 432

AN ACT

HB 1873

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P. L. 90), entitled "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, for the payment of certain license fees to the respective municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," authorizing stock ownership in corporations licensed as malt and brewed beverage manufacturers, distributors and importing distributors when the stock is inherited by a nonresident from any deceased owner.

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