

separate account are applied to purchase or provide retirement or other benefits].

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Section 4. Section 406.2 of the act, added August 24, 1963 (P. L. 1194), is amended by adding at the end thereof, two new subsections to read:

Section 406.2. Separate Accounts.—

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(i) Any domestic life insurance company which establishes one or more separate accounts pursuant to section 406.2 may amend its charter to provide for special voting rights and procedures for the owners of variable annuities under separate account relating to investment policy, investment advisory services and selection of certified public accountants in relation to the administration of the assets in any such separate account.

(j) Annuities authorized by section 406.2 shall not be subject to the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 748), as amended, known as "The Pennsylvania Securities Act," or to regulation by the Pennsylvania Securities Commission.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 448

AN ACT

HB 2062

Creating a Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, providing for the terms and appointment of members and for organization of the committee and employment of personnel, providing for study of air and water pollution laws and their enforcement, providing for information and assistance from other agencies of government, and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. (a) A joint legislative committee to be known as the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation

Committee is hereby created. It shall consist of eighteen members of the General Assembly who shall serve without compensation, nine of whom shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, five from among the majority party and four from among the minority party, and nine of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, five from among the majority party and four from among the minority party.

(b) The term of each member of the committee shall run from the date of his appointment until thirty days after the convening of the next regular session of the General Assembly in odd numbered years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Appointments to the committee shall take effect thirty-one days after the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly in odd numbered years. Any vacancy happening in the membership shall be filled by the appointing power making the original appointment for the unexpired term.

(c) The committee shall organize as soon as may be after the appointment of members thirty-one days after the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly in odd numbered years, at the call of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, by electing a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary. The secretary need not be a member of the committee.

Section 2. The committee shall have power and its duty shall be:

(1) To conduct continuing studies of air and water pollution laws and recommend needed changes to the General Assembly; and

(2) To conduct continuing studies of the enforcement of air and water pollution laws, and in conjunction with such studies to make necessary trips to various sections of the Commonwealth to hold hearings and hear complaints.

(3) To conduct continuing studies as to the manner and effectiveness of restoration work being conducted by the various State departments with Federal and State funds including the 1967 five hundred million dollar conservation bond issue.

(4) To conduct continuing studies of mining practices, including but not limited to deep mining, strip mining, open pit mining and quarrying.

(5) To conduct continuing studies of reclamation of mined out land, removal of scars therefrom and reclamation of land devastated by mining operations.

(6) To conduct continuing studies of all mining laws and all laws pertaining to reclamation of lands which have had mining operations conducted thereon.

(7) To hold hearings and receive complaints relating to all or any of the above subjects of study.

Section 3. The committee shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of such experts, stenographers, and assistants as may

be deemed necessary to carry out the work of the committee, but due diligence shall be exercised by the committee to enlist such voluntary assistance as may be available from citizens, research organizations, and other agencies in Pennsylvania or elsewhere, generally recognized as qualified to aid the committee with information as to existing conditions or <sup>1</sup> advise as to possibilities in correcting existing conditions pertaining to air and water pollution. The Legislative Reference Bureau and other agencies of the Commonwealth shall give the committee, on request, such information and assistance as may be reasonably accessible.

Section 4. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated from the General Fund to the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967 for the payment of the expenses of the members of the committee, for the compensation and expenses of the secretary and other appointees of the committee, for postage, supplies, telephone, telegraph, rent and miscellaneous expenses, and generally for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 19th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 449

AN ACT

HB 1113

Providing temporarily for the regulation and licensing of rain-making activities; creating <sup>2</sup> a Weather Modification Board within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Agriculture and certain other State agencies; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy.—The public interest, health, safety, welfare and necessity require that scientific experimentation in the field of artificial nucleation, and that scientific efforts to develop and increase natural precipitation of rain, snow, moisture, or water in any form contained in the atmosphere, within the State, be encouraged in order to develop, conserve, and protect the natural water resources of the State and to safeguard life and property.

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act—

(1) "Board" means the Weather Modification Board.

<sup>1</sup> "advice" in original.

<sup>2</sup> "an Advisory Committee on Cloud Seeding" in original.