

No. 47

AN ACT

SB 730

Amending the act of April 25, 1929 (P.L.694), entitled "An act providing for the payment monthly by the counties to the Department of Revenue of the expenses of keeping convicts in State penitentiaries," gradually providing for the payment by the Commonwealth of expenses of keeping convicts in State penitentiaries.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of April 25, 1929 (P.L.694), entitled "An act providing for the payment monthly by the counties to the Department of Revenue of the expenses of keeping convicts in State penitentiaries," is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That *(a) Until the end of the period ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seventy-one* the expenses of keeping the convicts in the State penitentiaries shall be borne by the respective counties in which they shall be convicted. *During the period commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-one and ending on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seventy-two, seventy-five per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the said counties and twenty-five per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. During the period commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-two and ending on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seventy-three, fifty per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the said counties and fifty per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. During the period commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-three and ending on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred seventy-four, twenty-five per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the said counties and seventy-five per cent of the said expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. Commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-four and annually thereafter, the total of such expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth.*

(b) The said expenses *to be borne by the said counties* shall be paid to the Department of Revenue, by orders to be drawn by the duly authorized agents of said department at said penitentiaries on the treasurers of the said counties, who shall accept and pay same to the Department of Revenue. Promptly after the last day of each calendar month, the agents of the Department of Revenue shall transmit, by mail, to the commissioners of such of the counties as may have become indebted for convicts confined in said penitentiaries during such calendar month,

accounts of the expense of keeping said convicts, which accounts shall be sworn or affirmed to by them; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, immediately on receipt of said accounts, to give notice to the treasurers of their respective counties of the amount of said accounts, with instructions to pay promptly to the Department of Revenue the amounts of said orders when presented; and it shall be the duty of such county treasurers to make such payments as instructed by their respective county commissioners: Provided, That the aforesaid accounts and orders, rendered as of the thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, shall include all amounts due the Commonwealth from the counties which shall have accrued since the last prior billing of the said counties by the respective boards of trustees of the several penitentiaries: And provided also, That all salaries of the wardens or superintendents, their deputies and assistants, the guards and other officers engaged in managing the said penitentiaries, or holding positions of authority over the inmates therein, shall be paid by the State, and shall not be included in computing the cost of keeping convicts in said penitentiaries.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to July 1, 1971.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of March, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 47.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and "T".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.