

No. 292

AN ACT

SB 738

Authorizing municipalities to expend Federal general revenue sharing or general funds for social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging, and to jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of such programs.

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

Section 1. Every municipality may, by passage of an ordinance by its governing body, in any year expend all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 92-512, the "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972," or its general municipal funds for social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging, provided such programs do not duplicate although they may expand programs of the Commonwealth or of the United States Government. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the use of the funds in the matching of local funds with State or Federal funds in so far as permitted by law or regulation. Unless contrary to Federal statutes and regulations, no person shall be denied participation in, or the benefits of social service programs so funded because said person is not a public assistance recipient.

Section 2. Two or more municipalities may jointly cooperate, or any municipality may jointly cooperate with any municipality located in any other state, in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of social service programs for the poor, the disabled and the aging pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation."

Section 3. Municipalities which provide or jointly cooperate in the sponsorship, establishment, administration, maintenance and operation of social service programs to the poor, the disabled and the aging pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), entitled "An act relating to intergovernmental cooperation," may expend or use all or part of any moneys received as payment to local governments pursuant to Title I of Public Law 92-512, the "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972," for such purposes.

Section 4. As used in this act:

"Municipality" means a county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or any other similar general purpose unit of government which shall hereafter be created by the General Assembly, except that section 2 of this act shall not apply to a city of the first class.

"Social service programs" means any service provided on either a single or multi-municipal level which would address the following recognized needs of the poor, disabled or the aged: children's services,

including day care; health services, including alcohol and drug addiction; housing and homemaker services; senior opportunities and services; consumer services; migrant services; youth services; sheltered workshops for the handicapped; hot meals for older adults; rehabilitation of low to middle income housing; family planning. Home Rule municipalities may define the term "social service programs" within their powers under a Home Rule Charter.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive to January 1, 1973.

APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 292.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.