

No. 1996-23

AN ACT

HB 47

Amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.450, No.291), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to fires and fire prevention; imposing duties and conferring powers upon the Pennsylvania State Police; authorizing the appointment of the chiefs of fire departments and certain public officers and others as assistants to the Pennsylvania State Police, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstance of fires and the inspection of all, and the removal or change of, certain buildings by owners and occupants thereof, including political subdivisions; imposing duties on school authorities and on certain corporations, associations, and fire rating agencies; providing for the attendance of witnesses before the Pennsylvania State Police, and the enforcement of its orders; and prescribing penalties," providing for certain gasoline dispensing nozzles at self-service stations.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.450, No.291), referred to as the State Fire Marshal Law, amended February 17, 1972 (P.L.72, No.24), is amended to read:

Section 1. (a) Be it enacted, &c., That the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police may appoint and remove the chief of the fire department of any county, city, borough, town, or township or individual citizens as assistants to the department, and, when so appointed, shall be subject to the obligations imposed by this act and to the authority of the Pennsylvania State Police.

(b) The Pennsylvania State Police may adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the having, using, storage, sale, and keeping of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, fuel oil, or other substance of like character.

(c) *The Pennsylvania State Police shall permit attended self-service gasoline stations to use hold-open gasoline dispensing nozzles provided that the nozzles meet safety standards adopted by regulation by the Pennsylvania State Police. Signs shall be posted indicating that any person, other than the attendant, who uses a hold-open gasoline dispensing nozzle shall remain at the refueling point during the refueling operation.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 4th day of April, A.D. 1996.

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