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AN ACT

Providing for the purchase of a tract of land to be used for the benefit of the Eastern Penitentiary regulating the operation of the tract and the duties of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Forestry and making an appropriation.

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same* That
4 the Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary is
5 authorized to purchase a tract of land in eastern Penn-
6 sylvania containing not less than six hundred or more
7 than twelve hundred acres and suitable for general agri-
8 culture fruit-raising and stock-raising with provision also
9 for brick making and the preparation of road and pav-
10 ing materials A tract shall be selected which as far
11 as practicable has good railroad drainage sewerage and
12 water facilities

13 Section 2 Suitable and sufficient buildings shall be

1 erected and the work of constructing buildings outhouses
2 and other structures of any nature shall so far as
3 practicable be performed by inmates of the Penitentiary

4 Section 3 The Board shall provide the tract with
5 sufficient stock and poultry to aid in carrying out the
6 intent of this act

7 Section 4 In carrying out the purposes of this act,
8 a contract for performance of work or furnishing of
9 material which exceeds five hundred dollars shall be let
10 only after advertisement and competitive bidding

11 Section 5 The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
12 from time to time when requested by the Board compe-
13 tent experts in agriculture under whose supervision and
14 counsel the tract of land shall be operated The Com-
15 missioner of Forestry shall likewise on request provide
16 experts in forestry to counsel and supervise as aforesaid

17 Section 6 In addition to the agricultural work herein
18 provided for the inmates may be employed at other occu-
19 pations and trades

20 Section 7 The tract of land herein provided for shall
21 be operated for the benefit of the Penitentiary and with
22 an aim to develop to the highest degree the mental
23 moral and physical qualities of the inmates of the Peni-
24 tentiary So far as practicable the tract shall be op-
25 erated by the inmates of the institution who may be
26 removed to the tract in the discretion and under the
27 regulations of the Board

28 Section 8 To carry out the purposes of this act the
29 sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars or

1 so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specific-
2 ally appropriated Payment of such moneys shall be on
3 requisition of the Board and on warrant of the Auditor
4 General