

Public Welfare and supervised periodically by the department.

The leases or permits for the installation and operation of any such stands or other suitable business enterprises shall be secured by the Department of Public Welfare in its own name.

Any moneys advanced to a blind person under the authority of this act shall be repaid by such person in monthly installments, which shall in no case be less than two per centum (2%) of the gross monthly sales made at the stand or business in question.

Equipment and accessories purchased, owned, installed and maintained by the Department of Public Welfare may be leased to deserving blind persons for an amount not to exceed four per centum (4%) of the gross monthly sales, except in those locations in which the gross monthly sales do not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000). Such rental in these locations shall not exceed one per centum of the gross monthly sales. The department shall periodically regulate the rental fees charged to such blind persons in accordance with the regulations to be adopted by it, in such a manner as to achieve approximate equality of opportunity to such blind persons, and to assure that the fund shall at no time exceed [seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)] one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). The department shall transmit all such repayments and rental fees into the State Treasury, where they shall be credited to the "Employment Fund for the Blind."

The Department of Public Welfare is authorized to receive and transmit to the State Treasury for credit to the "Employment Fund for the Blind" all moneys heretofore or hereafter received by the Commonwealth on account of contracts between the Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Property and Supplies and vending machine owners, whereby the Commonwealth is to receive a percentage of the profits from vending machines operated in State buildings.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1965.

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No. 12

AN ACT

SB 244

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments,

boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further providing for geriatric centers; and repealing related provisions as to allocation of funds therefor.

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

Section 1. Section 2331, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," added June 19, 1964 (P. L. 77), is amended to read:

Section 2331. Geriatric Centers.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power to provide in State institutions to be known as geriatric centers either or both of the following: (1) public nursing home care as defined in the Public Assistance Law [ , in State institutions to be known as geriatric centers,] for persons who are sixty-five years of age or over and who because they continue to need medical or other necessary health care, are admitted immediately upon discharge from State mental institutions; (2) inpatient or outpatient diagnostic, screening or preventive services for persons for whom, because of physical or mental infirmity usually associated with senescence, admission is being sought in an institution providing long-term care and the cost of whose care in the long-term institution will be paid wholly or partially from funds administered by the department. The department may convert all or part of such State institutions to a geriatric center. Charges for care in a geriatric center shall be established by the Department of Public Welfare. Geriatric centers shall not constitute, nor shall they be operated as, institutions for tuberculosis or mental diseases [and no person shall be admitted to a geriatric center if he requires treatment for tuberculosis or mental disease].

Section 2. Sections 4 and 5 of the act of June 19, 1964 (P. L. 77), amending the act known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," are repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect as of the first day of the month following the date on which the United States Department of Health,

Education and Welfare approves or approved Federal participation in medical assistance for the aged for patients in geriatric centers.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

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No. 13

AN ACT

SB 245

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," further providing for medical assistance to the aged by changing the definition of "public nursing home care" and including "geriatric center care" and costs thereof; and further providing for applications.

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

Section 1. Clause (4) of subsection (a) of section 9.1, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended June 19, 1964 (P. L. 75), is amended to read:

Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—(a) As used in this act,

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(4) "Public nursing home care," means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a public medical institution or distinct part of a public medical institution operated by a county, county institution district or municipality, exclusive of institutions for tuberculosis or mental illness. Public nursing home care also means inpatient treatment and care, other than inpatient hospital care, in a geriatric center [operated by the Department of Public Welfare].

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Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 9.1 of the act is amended by adding, at the end thereof, two new clauses to read:

Section 9.1. Medical Assistance for the Aged.—(a) As used in this act,