

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

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," is amended by adding after section 9.5, a new section to read:

Section 9.6. Special Provisions Respecting Medical Assistance for the Aged and Purchased Hospital and Post Hospital Care.—(a) To the extent that the Budget Secretary shall certify the availability of funds for such purposes, the Secretary of Public Welfare, with the approval of the Governor, may by regulation, provide for payment of medical assistance on behalf of persons for whose medical assistance Federal funds are not available, under the same or similar conditions and standards and of the same or similar amount, duration and scope as for persons for whose medical assistance Federal funds are available.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no repayment shall be required of any medical assistance for the aged paid in behalf of any aged person for which he was eligible; and with respect to the determination of eligibility for such assistance, no relative may be required to contribute to the cost of the care for which such assistance is provided.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no repayment shall be required of any payment for medical care for which a recipient of old age assistance was eligible, if payment for such medical care is also provided in behalf of recipients of medical assistance for the aged.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 410

AN ACT

SB 1024

To alleviate pollution of streams from abandoned coal mines within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; granting to the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries

certain duties and powers relating thereto and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. The Secretary of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries shall initiate an immediate action program to correct pollution from abandoned deep and strip mines on each of the watersheds in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries shall present an annual progress report to the Governor and the Governor to the Sanitary Water Board.

Section 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries for the foregoing and administrative expenses the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 411

AN ACT

HB 2068

Amending the act of July 19, 1965 (Act No. 117) (P. L. 216), entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries to acquire, either amicably or by condemnation, certain lands affected by open pit or strip mines; authorizing the reclamation of such lands, and providing for the use or disposal thereof," authorizing the use of a portion of the amount appropriated and a portion of the amount received from the sale of lands for administrative purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 9, act of July 19, 1965 (Act No. 117) (P. L. 216), entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of Mines and Mineral Industries to acquire, either amicably or by condemnation, certain lands affected by open pit or strip mines; authorizing the reclamation of such lands, and providing for the use or disposal thereof," is amended to read:

Section 9. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to be established as a separate fund for the purposes herein provided, which fund shall be called the "Coal Lands Improvement Fund," into which