

## No. 432

## AN ACT

SB 641

Authorizing municipalities, townships, counties and any duly constituted authorities to acquire, maintain, improve and operate railroad passenger stations and prohibiting them from compelling common carriers to operate in or out of the said stations.

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

Section 1. As used in this act:

(1) The term "railroad" means any common carrier by railroad providing passenger service within the Commonwealth;

(2) The term "railroad passenger station" includes all lands, platforms, structures and facilities related in whole or in part to, or associated with, a railroad station at which passengers are served; and

(3) "Station services" shall include, but not be limited to, the sale of tickets, provision for the handling of baggage and express, and any matters relating to the conduct of the railroad's business in serving the traveling public.

Section 2. Any municipality, township, county or any duly constituted authority is authorized in its discretion and when deemed by its governing body to be in the best interest of said municipality, township, county or any duly constituted authority:

(1) To purchase, lease, or by agreement with the owner, acquire any interest in any property, real or personal, necessary or desirable for the purpose of providing new railroad passenger stations, station facilities or station services, or in like manner to acquire any existing railroad passenger station or portion thereof.

(2) To construct, maintain and improve railroad passenger stations or any portion thereof, whether owned by the municipality, township, county, authority or by others: Provided, That when the station is not owned by the municipality, township, county or authority, such construction, maintenance or improvement shall be performed pursuant to an agreement between the owner of the station and the municipality, township, county or authority.

(3) To sell, lease or grant any other interest which it may have in any railroad passenger station, or part thereof, to any railroad or to any other person or corporation for the purpose of the latter's operating, in whole or in part, such station or rendering any station services;

(4) To provide by appropriate lease or contract for the conduct of other commercial activities for the use and convenience of the traveling

public in any railroad passenger station acquired or owned by the municipality, township, county or authority under this act; and

(5) To sell or otherwise dispose of any railroad passenger station which it owns, or any portion thereof, when, in the opinion of the governing body of said municipality, township, county or authority it is no longer required in the public interest.

Section 3. No municipality, township, county or duly constituted authority shall have any power to compel by ordinance, resolution or otherwise, any common carrier of passengers, subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to operate into or out of any railroad passenger station, to use any railroad passenger station services or to contribute to the cost of acquisition, construction, or operation of any railroad passenger station or station services.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 16th day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

---

No. 433

AN ACT

SB 1074

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," prescribing powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare with respect to aid to the aged and disabled, removing conditions pertaining to contracts with nonprofit corporations and certain limitations on the amount of assistance to be paid and providing for payments for food stamp programs.

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

Section 1. Clause (m) of section 4, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," added July 26, 1961 (P. L. 875), is amended and the section is amended by adding a new clause after clause (m) thereof to read:

Section 4. General Powers and Duties of Department of Public