

For increasing the capacity of State-owned institutions, under the supervision of the Department of Health, by the erection and construction of new buildings, or by repairs, alterations or additions to existing buildings, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

For the erection and construction of new armories and other buildings, and repairs, alterations, additions to and replacement of existing armories and other buildings under the supervision of the Department of Military Affairs, including buildings and utilities at the State Military Reservation, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

Section 2. Within the meaning of this act, the erection and construction of, or alterations or additions to, buildings shall include the installation or replacement of fittings and equipment affixed to buildings, and the installation or replacement of heating systems and heating; sewage, and other service lines within the grounds of an institution, *and beyond the said grounds to points where proper connections can be made*, armory or stable for the accommodation of a building or buildings, and the foregoing appropriations be, and the same are hereby, made available for the payment of the cost of necessary plans, specifications, advertising for bids, supervision and architectural and engineering fees required for the purposes of this act.

APPROVED—The 2d day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 570

AN ACT

To require certain records of oil and gas wells drilled in the Commonwealth showing the location of the same and the geologic formations encountered therein, and to make copies of such records available upon payment of prescribed fees; and providing fees and penalties.

Oil and gas wells.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter whenever any oil or gas well is drilled within this Commonwealth to a depth of more than two thousand five hundred feet and more distant than two thousand feet from a well previously recorded and reported to the Department of Internal Affairs, as hereinafter provided, the owner thereof shall send to said department, for the use of the Topographic and Geologic Survey, a type-written or printed, or partially printed and partially written, record showing the name of the owner and of the person who drilled the well, the location of said well

on the surface of the ground, showing the name of the county and township within which drilled, and the distance and direction from the nearest known point, easily described on a property line, stream, public highway or municipal boundary, and farm boundary, and also the distance and direction from the nearest oil or gas well known to the owner thereof, and to the nearest well belonging to said owner. The report shall show the elevation above sea level of the ground level at the top of said well, and state how the same was determined. The report shall show the depth below the surface, as nearly as can be determined, of each coal, sand or limestone formation encountered, and the thickness thereof by depths to the top and bottom, and also any oil, gas or water encountered therein, and the approximate volume thereof. In the case of wells over four thousand feet deep, the department shall be notified in writing of the location and time of commencement of such wells before commencement thereof, and reasonable samples shall be furnished the department of any sands encountered, when the department shall notify the owner of its desire for such samples and furnish suitable bags, packages or containers for the saving and shipping of such samples before such sands are encountered.

Reports.

Section 2. All such reports shall be certified by one of the owners of said well, or a duly designated official in case of a corporate owner, to be true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of five dollars, payable to the Department of Internal Affairs, which fee shall be used for the copying, filing preserving and mapping of said records, and preparing forms for such records, and for providing containers and transportation and storage facilities for samples when requested of well owners, and for the mapping locations of said wells.

Reports to be certified.

The Department of Internal Affairs shall prepare and make available forms for the purpose of furnishing said records to the department at a fee of not to exceed five cents per copy.

The Department of Internal Affairs shall file and preserve all such records for a period of at least twenty years from the date received.

Section 3. For a period of ninety days from the receipt of any such record, the same shall be kept secret and revealed to no other persons whatsoever, but after ninety days from the date of the receipt thereof, type-written copies or printed and written copies shall be furnished to any person requesting the same in writing, upon payment of a fee of twenty-five cents for records of wells less than three thousand feet deep, and of

Records to be kept secret for 90 days.

twenty-five cents additional for* each additional thousand feet of well depth covered by such record. The fees so paid shall be used to pay for the preparation, copying, preserving, and mailing of such records, and if insufficient, may be increased by order of the Secretary of the Department, not to exceed double the amounts hereinbefore set forth.

Violation.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall drill any well more than four thousand feet in depth, who shall fail to notify the Department of Internal Affairs before it shall commence to drill the same, or who or which shall fail to file a record of any well as herein required, shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs.

Penalty.

APPROVED—The 2d day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 571

AN ACT

To further amend section four of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-nine), entitled "An act imposing a State tax, payable by those herein defined as distributors, on liquid fuels used or sold and delivered within the Commonwealth, which are ordinarily, practically, and commercially usable in internal combustion engines for the generation of power; providing for the collection and lien of the tax, and the distribution and use of the proceeds thereof; requiring such distributors to secure permits, to file corporate surety bonds and reports, and to retain certain records; imposing duties on retail dealers, common carriers, county commissioners, and such distributors; providing for rewards; imposing certain costs on counties; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments; providing for refunds; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation," by making a further provision for the payment of the tax.

Section 4, act of May 21, 1931 (P. L. 149), as last amended by Act No. 57, April 8, 1937, further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-nine), entitled "An act imposing a State tax, payable by those herein defined as distributors, on liquid fuels used or sold and delivered within the Commonwealth, which are ordinarily, practically, and commercially usable in internal combustion engines for the generation of power; providing for the collection and lien of the tax, and the distribution and use of the proceeds thereof; requiring such distributors to secure permits, to file corporate surety bonds and reports, and to

* "or" in the original.