

No. 226

## AN ACT

Suspending, for the duration of the present national emergency and for six months thereafter, the statutory provisions as to advertising and competitive bidding on contracts of counties, institution districts, cities, first class townships and boroughs for the purchase of goods, materials and merchandise which are rationed, or on which a maximum price ceiling has been fixed, under regulations of the Federal Government, and providing for the award of contracts in such cases, to the lowest and best bidder, after due inquiry.

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

Section 1. During the period of national emergency proclaimed by the President and arising out of the existence of a state of war between the United States of America and certain other governments, and for a six-month period thereafter, the statutory provisions as to advertising and competitive bidding on contracts of counties, institution districts, cities, first class townships and boroughs, are hereby suspended, in the following cases:

(a) If the goods, materials or merchandise to be purchased are rationed under regulations of the Federal Government;

(b) If a maximum price ceiling has been fixed under regulations of the Federal Government, for the goods, materials and merchandise to be purchased.

Section 2. In all such cases, the board of county commissioners of the county, or the executive and administrative officers of the institution district, or the council of the city or borough, or the commissioners of the township shall find as a fact that the goods, materials or merchandise to be purchased by the county, the institution district, the city, the first class township or the borough fall under one or both of the categories listed in section one. The board of commissioners or the executive and administrative officers of the institution district, the city council, the first class township commission or the borough council shall, after such finding, direct inquiries to be made among those persons, firms or corporations who customarily bid on the same or similar items, and also among any additional persons, firms or corporations who have indicated, in writing, their desire to be notified of opportunities to bid on the type of goods, materials or merchandise to be purchased by the board, the institution district, the city, first class township or the borough, and, after inquiry, shall award the contract to the person, firm or corporation found to be the lowest and best bidder. In all cities of the several

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pended during  
war period in  
certain cases.

Rationing and  
price ceilings.

classes and in all counties having a controller, no contract shall be awarded or purchase made by the board of commissioners or by the executive and administrative officers of the institution district or by the council of the cities of the several classes, under the provisions of this act, until the controller shall have approved the purpose of the expenditure and the award of the contract to the lowest and best bidder.

Inconsistent  
acts repealed.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby suspended for the period during which this act shall be in effect.

Act effective  
immediately.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

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To further amend clause (d) of section four of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred fifty-two), entitled, as amended "An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating a General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix and collect fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein, and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," empowering the General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth, and to the United States or any Federal agency.

General State  
Authority.

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

General State  
Authority Act  
of 1935.

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Section 4, clause  
(d), act of June  
28, 1935, P. L.  
452, as last  
amended by act  
of July 2, 1941,  
P. L. 215,  
further amended.