

providing penalties, and repealing existing laws," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 506. Orders for Liquidation of Affairs of Companies, Et Cetera; Insurance Commissioner To Act as Receiver.—If, on a like application and order to show cause, and after a full hearing, the court shall order the liquidation of the business of such company, association, exchange, society, or order, such liquidation shall be made by and under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner, who shall be vested by operation of law with title to all of the property, contracts, and rights of action of such company, association, exchange, society, or order as of the date of the order so directing him to liquidate. The filing or recording of such order in any record office of the State shall impart the same notice that a deed, bill of sale, or other evidence of title, duly filed or recorded by such company, association, exchange, society, or order, would have imparted. The order of liquidation shall, unless otherwise directed by the court, provide that the dissolution of the company, association, exchange, society, or order shall take effect upon the entry of such order in the office of the clerk of the county wherein such company, association, exchange, society, or order had its principal office for the transaction of business. *Within thirty days after the taking effect of *an order of liquidation of any stock or mutual fire insurance company, association or exchange, the Insurance Commissioner shall mail a notice thereof to each of its policyholders or members.*

APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1951.

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No. 133.

AN ACT

To further amend clause (b) of section 507, and clause (c) of section 2403 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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

* "the" in original.

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," by making special provision for the purchase of steel to be used in the manufacture of vehicle registration plates.

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

Section 1. Clause (b) of section 507 of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1865), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 507. Purchases.—It shall be unlawful for any administrative department, other than the Department of Property and Supplies, or for any independent administrative board or commission, or for any departmental administrative body, board or commission, or for any advisory board or commission, to purchase or contract for the purchase of any stationery, paper, printing, binding, ruling, lithographing, engraving, envelopes, or other printing or binding supplies, or any fuel, supplies, furniture, furnishings, or equipment, except

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(b) Any department, board, or commission, having charge of a State institution, which may purchase perishable foodstuffs for such institution directly, and may purchase any article directly if it can, after competitive bidding, purchase the same, f.o.b. the institution, for a price less than the Department of Property and Supplies

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

Clause (b) of section 507, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, as last amended by act of June 21, 1937, P. L. 1865, further amended.

can furnish it f.o.b. the institution, but all articles purchased directly hereunder shall conform to the specification contained in the effective supply contracts of the Department of Property and Supplies, or, if the article be not included in the effective supply contracts, then to the standard specification, if any, adopted by the Department of Property and Supplies for the commodity purchased, unless the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings shall have specifically authorized a departure from such specification.

In all other cases, such departments, boards, or commissions shall make purchases through the Department of Property and Supplies, as purchasing agency, and all purchases made by the Department of Property and Supplies, as purchasing agency hereunder, shall conform to the specifications contained in the effective supply contracts of the department, or, if the article be not included in the effective supply contracts, then to the standard specifications, if any, adopted by the department for the commodity purchased, unless the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings shall specifically authorize a departure from such effective supply contracts or specifications, *except that contracts for the purchase of steel for use in the manufacture of vehicle registration plates may be let on the basis of the market price thereof on date of delivery.*

Clause (c) of section 2403, said act, as last amended by act of July 5, 1947, P. L. 1349, further amended.

Section 2. Clause (c) of section 2403 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1349), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2403. Standards and Purchases.—The Department of Property and Supplies shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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(c) To enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase of all other furniture, materials or supplies requested by the Legislative, and other departments of the State Government, except as otherwise provided by this act, *and except that contracts for the purchase of steel for use in the manufacture of vehicle registration plates may be let on the basis of the market price thereof on date of delivery.* All such contracts shall be approved by the Governor, and signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Secretary of Property and Supplies, who shall also, with the approval of the Department of Justice, prescribe rules and regulations for the submission of bids, awards, forms of contracts and other matter related thereto.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1951.

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Act effective immediately.