

Optometrists.

Act of March 30,
1917, P. L. 21,
amended by
adding, after
section 11 there-
of, a new sec-
tion 11.1.

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

Section 1. The act, approved the thirtieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 21), entitled "An act defining optometry; and relating to the right to practice optometry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and making certain exceptions; and providing a Board of Optometrical Education, Examination, and Licensure, and means and methods whereby the right to practice optometry may be obtained; and providing for the means to carry out the provisions of this act; and providing for revocation or suspension of licenses given by said board, and providing penalties for violations thereof; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," is hereby amended by adding, after section 11 thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Testimony of
optometrists
acceptable as
evidence.

Section 11.1. The testimony of an optometrist who is licensed to practice optometry shall be received by an official board, commission or other agency of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions as qualified evidence with respect to any matter defined in section 1 of this act as constituting the practice of optometry; and no official board, commission or other agency of the Commonwealth or of any of its political subdivisions shall discriminate between the practitioners of optometry and any other ocular practitioners; and payment for the services rendered by optometrists to such agencies or political subdivisions shall be made in the same amount as the practitioners of other professions may be paid for similar services.

Discrimination
prohibited.

Payment for
services.

APPROVED—The 17th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 295

AN ACT

Fixing the minimum pensions of policemen and firemen in certain cities.

Pensions.

Minimum pen-
sion of policemen
and firemen in
cities of the
second class A.

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

Section 1. Any policeman or fireman who, at the time this act becomes effective or thereafter, is a beneficiary under any policemen's or firemen's pension or retirement system which was established by any city of the second class A, or to which any such city has made financial contributions or appropriations, shall be paid not less than one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per month.

Section 2. The annual appropriation made by such city, whether or not it retains its classification as a city of the second class A, shall be sufficient, when added to the contributions made by members during such year, sums received from tax distributions, and income from investments, to pay in full the retirement allowance payable during such year.

Amount of annual appropriations by such cities.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall not be applied so as to result in a reduction of the monthly payments to any beneficiary now receiving such payments.

Present monthly payments not to be reduced.

Section 4. Provided, That any increase in pension payment received by any person under the provisions of this act shall be deemed cost-of-living increases, and shall not be construed as a permanent and binding obligation of the pension fund which will, in perpetuity, entitle present and future pensioners to secure pensions predicated upon such increases. Such increased pensions shall be subject to revision by the General Assembly in the event of a decline or a rise in the cost of living: Provided, That in no event shall any decrease in living costs result in decreasing the pension payments in effect prior to the passage of this act.

Proviso: Increased pension payments deemed cost-of-living increases only.

Increased pensions subject to revision by General Assembly.

Further proviso.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of August, A. D. 1951.

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No. 296

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by authorizing the shade tree commission to require the cutting and removal of trees afflicted with the Dutch elm or other disease which threatens to injure or destroy shade trees, and to levy and collect the cost thereof from the owner of the property by action in assumpsit or by the filing of a municipal claim therefor.

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

"The First Class Township Code."

Section 1. The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as reenacted, amended and revised by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred

Act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, as reenacted, amended and revised by act of May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended by adding, after section 3027, a new section 3027.1.