

country appointing them, and who are assigned to foreign consulates in this Commonwealth: Provided, That American consular officers of equal rank, who are citizens of the United States, and who exercise their official functions at American consulates in such foreign country, are granted reciprocal exemptions. No fee shall be charged for certificates of title or registration of motor vehicles owned and used by war amputees which were obtained through the Veterans' Administration. All such vehicles, except those owned and used by the Federal Government, shall be titled and registered, and shall display registration plates as is now provided for privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 329

AN ACT

To add section 4.1 to the act, approved the twentieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 1143), entitled "An act relating to free, public, nonsectarian libraries and branch libraries within this Commonwealth; providing for their establishment, maintenance, and regulation, and for the maintenance and regulation of such free, public, nonsectarian libraries as may have been already established by the several counties, cities, boroughs, towns, and townships; and providing that all library property, and all gifts, devises, grants, or endowments for library purposes, shall be exempt from taxation; and providing that the several counties, cities, boroughs, towns, and townships may levy taxes, condemn private property, and borrow money for library purposes; and imposing penalties for injuring library property and for violations of library regulations; and repealing existing laws in relation to the above subjects," by further regulating county libraries; permitting cities, boroughs, towns and townships to withdraw from county library districts and payment of county library tax.

**Libraries.**

Act of July 20,  
1917, P. L. 1143,  
amended by  
adding, after  
section 4 thereof,  
a new section 4.1.

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

Section 1. The act, approved the twentieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventeen (Pamphlet Laws 1143), entitled "An act relating to free, public, nonsectarian libraries and branch libraries within this Commonwealth; providing for their establishment, maintenance, and regulation, and for the maintenance and regulation of such free, public, nonsectarian libraries as may have been already established by the several counties, cities, boroughs, towns, and townships; and providing that all library property, and all gifts, devises, grants, or endowments for library purposes, shall be exempt from taxation; and providing that the

several counties, cities, boroughs, towns, and townships may levy taxes, condemn private property, and borrow money for library purposes; and imposing penalties for injuring library property and for violations of library regulations; and repealing existing laws in relation to the above subjects," is hereby amended by adding, after section four thereof, a new section to read as follows:

*Section 4.1. Whenever in any city, borough, town or township, there has been or may be established and maintained a separate free, public, nonsectarian library and there is at the time a county library in existence, three per cent of the voters at the last preceding general election in said city, borough, town or township may petition the county commissioners to place on the ballot the question of whether or not such city, borough, town or township shall be a part of the county library district and be subject to levy and payment of any taxes levied for the purpose of maintaining or aiding in the maintaining of any county library. At the next general election, occurring at least sixty days after the filing of the petition, but not oftener than once in five years, such question shall be placed upon the ballots and submitted to the electors of the city, borough, town or township, as provided by the election laws. If a majority of those voting on such question vote in favor of the discontinuance of the county library and tax in said city, borough, town or township, then such city, borough, town or township shall not thereafter be a part of the county library district and shall not be subject to levy and payment of any taxes levied for the purpose of maintaining or aiding in the maintaining of any county library.*

Procedure whereby cities, boroughs, towns and townships may withdraw from county library district and payment of county library tax.

Petition to county commissioners.

Question to be submitted to electors at next general election.

Effect where voters elect to withdraw from county library district.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 330

### AN ACT

Concerning mutual military aid and assistance by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other states, in an emergency; and agreeing to, approving, and authorizing and empowering the Governor to enter into a compact with the State of New Jersey and the State of New York and any other state concurring therein or otherwise approving thereof, for such purpose.

Whereas, On the twelfth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, the Governor of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State of New York, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, for and on behalf of the State of New Jersey, agreed to an

Preamble.