

The amount each owner is to pay shall be ascertained and certified by the commission to council and to the city treasurer.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 365

AN ACT

To amend section eight hundred twelve of the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by providing for the appointment of guardians of patients' funds and imposing duties and limitations in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Section eight hundred twelve of the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 812. Payment of Cash Balance to Patient at Discharge.—(a) Upon discharge from an institution, the superintendent shall determine whether any balance to the credit of a patient shall be immediately paid over to the discharged patient or his guardian, or shall be held in trust by the treasurer of the institution until such time as, in the judgment of the department, it would serve the best interests of the patient to pay to him or to his guardian the balance or any part thereof.

(b) *Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law relating to the property of an incompetent, whenever the money, gifts, legacies, pensions, insurance payments, retirement benefits or payments, old-age and survivors insurance, or any other benefits or payments which a resident or nonresident incompetent who is an inmate of an institution and for whom no guardian has been appointed may possess or to which he may be entitled, amount at any one time to not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), the authorized agent of the Department of Revenue, appointed by virtue of the provisions of The Fiscal Code, the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 343), shall have the following powers and duties:*

"The Mental Health Act of 1951."

Section 812, act of June 12, 1951, P. L. 533, amended.

(1) To act as guardian of the estate of such incompetent, without application to any court, upon filing a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

(2) To apply for, receive and hold for such inmate funds to which he is or may become entitled; moneys so held for the benefit of the inmate shall be disbursed to provide comforts and necessities for such inmate, including maintenance and burial expenses, as the superintendent of the institution or his designee determines to be in the best interests of the inmate. Such disbursement shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Justice.

(3) To keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements and deliver said accounts and balance of funds to any guardian appointed by the court.

(4) To request the Department of Justice to apply to a court for the appointment of a guardian when the funds in hand amount to more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

(5) To refrain from accepting any guardianship or other fees unless he shall have been regularly appointed guardian by a court, when the funds exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(6) To deliver to such incompetent or his legal guardian a complete accounting of all receipts and disbursements when such incompetent is discharged from said institution, or, upon his death, to his heirs or personal representatives.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

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No. 366

AN ACT

To further amend section one of the act, approved the seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws 21), entitled, as amended, "An act to facilitate the labors of the judges of the court of common pleas and orphans' court of the county in which the seat of government is or may be located, in the disposition of the business of the Commonwealth, by providing suitable clerical assistance," by further providing for the salaries of stenographers and clerks.

Courts.

Section 1, act of April 17, 1893, P. L. 21, as last amended by act of July 7, 1947, P. L. 1438, further amended.

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

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