

expended by reason of the operation of this act shall not be used for any purpose, but shall be lapsed into the General Fund of the State Treasury, or into any special fund from which it was made.

Laws suspended.

Section 11. Laws Suspended.—

From the effective date of a reorganization plan and as long as it is in effect the operation of any act of Assembly inconsistent therewith shall be suspended insofar as it is inconsistent with the reorganization plan.

Publication of reorganization plans.

Section 12. Publication of Reorganization Plans.—

Each reorganization plan which takes effect shall be printed in the Pamphlet Laws in the same volume as the acts of Assembly.

Act effective immediately.

Section 13. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 9

AN ACT

Amending the act of July fifth, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1335), entitled "An act to provide for an inventory of existing hospitals; for a survey of the need for additional hospital facilities; and for the development and administration of a hospital construction program, which will in conjunction with existing facilities, afford hospitals adequate to serve all people of the State; and appropriating money; establishing methods of administration and control; providing for compliance with the requirements of the Federal Hospital Survey and Construction Act and regulations thereunder authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of Federal funds in accordance with such requirements; and placing additional duties upon the Department of Welfare," bringing the act within the scope of the Federal Medical Facilities Survey and Construction Act of 1954 and making an appropriation.

"Pennsylvania Hospital Survey and Construction Act."

Sections 2, 4, 8, 10 and 12, act of July 5, 1947, P. L. 1335, amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 2, 4, 8, 10 and 12, act of July five, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1335), known as the "Pennsylvania Hospital Survey and Construction Act," are amended to read:

Section 2. Definitions.—The following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise,—

(a) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Welfare.

(b) "The Federal [Act" means] Acts" mean Public Law seven hundred twenty-five of the 79th Congress, approved the thirteenth day of August, one thousand

nine hundred forty-six, entitled the "Hospital Survey and Construction Act" and *Public Law four hundred eighty-two of the 83rd Congress, approved the twelfth day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, entitled the "Medical Facilities Survey and Construction Act of 1954."*

(c) "The Surgeon General" means the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service of the United States.

(d) "Hospital" includes public health centers, *diagnostic or treatment centers, hospitals for the chronically ill and impaired, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities,* and general, tuberculosis, *mental, chronic disease and other types of hospitals and related facilities, such as laboratories, out-patient departments, nurses' homes and training facilities, and central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals, but does not include any hospital furnishing primarily domiciliary care.

"Hospital" shall include all hospitals, as above defined, including those owned, operated or supervised by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any of its political subdivisions, but shall not include those hospitals, as above defined, which are sectarian institutions and which do not exercise the choice provided in section 1.1.

(e) "Public Health Center" means a publicly owned facility for the provision of public health services, including related facilities, such as laboratories, clinics and administrative offices, operated in connection with public health centers.

(f) "Nonprofit Hospital" means any hospital owned and operated by a corporation or association, no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure to, the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 4. General Powers and Duties.—In carrying out the purposes of the act, the Secretary is authorized and directed,

(a) To require such reports, make such inspections and investigations, and prescribe such regulations, as he deems necessary.

(b) To provide such methods of administration, appoint a director and other personnel of the division, and take such other action as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Federal [act] *Acts* and the regulations thereunder.

(c) To procure, in his discretion, the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants, or organizations thereof, by contract, when such services are to be performed on a part-time or fee-for-service basis and do not involve the performance of administrative duties.

* "mentally" in original.

(d) To the extent that he considers desirable to effectuate the purposes of this act, to enter into agreements for the utilization of the facilities and services of other departments, agencies and institutions, public or private.

(e) To accept on behalf of the State and to deposit with the State Treasurer any grant, gift or contribution made to assist in meeting the cost of carrying out the purposes of this act and to expend the same for such purpose.

(f) To make an annual report to the Governor on activities and expenditures pursuant to this act, including recommendations for such additional legislation, as the Secretary considers appropriate, to furnish adequate hospital, clinic and similar facilities to the people of this State.

Section 8. Construction Program.—The construction program shall provide, in accordance with regulations prescribed under the Federal [act] *Acts*, for adequate hospital facilities for the people residing in this State, and, insofar as possible, shall provide for their distribution throughout the State in such manner as to make all types of hospital service reasonably accessible to all persons in the State.

Section 10. State Plan.—The Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Surgeon General, a State plan which shall include the hospital construction program developed under Article II of this act, and which shall provide for the establishment, administration and operation of hospital construction activities, in accordance with the requirements of the Federal [Act] *Acts* and regulations thereunder. The Secretary shall, prior to the submission of such plan to the Surgeon General, give adequate publicity to a general description of all the provisions proposed to be included therein and hold a public hearing, at which all persons or organizations, with a legitimate interest in such plan, may be given an opportunity to express their views. After approval of the plan by the Surgeon General, the Secretary shall make the plan, or a copy thereof, available, upon request, to all interested persons or organizations. The Secretary shall, from time to time, review the hospital construction program and submit to the Surgeon General any modifications thereof, which he may find necessary, and may submit to the Surgeon General such modifications of the State plan not inconsistent with the requirements of the Federal [act] *Acts*, as he may deem advisable.

Section 12. Priority of Projects.—The State plan shall set forth the relative need for the several projects included in the construction program, determined in

accordance with regulations prescribed pursuant to the Federal [act] Acts, and provide for the construction, insofar as financial resources available therefor and for maintenance and operations make possible, in the order of such relative need.

Section 2. The sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Welfare for the purpose of surveying the need for the construction of diagnostic or treatment centers, hospitals for the chronically ill and impaired, rehabilitation facilities, and nursing homes, subject to the reimbursement of part thereof to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as provided by the Federal "Medical Facilities Survey and Construction Act of 1954."

Appropriation.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 10

AN ACT

Amending the act of January twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 3), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal, and manner of filling vacancies; and making appropriations to the Senate, House of Representatives and Legislative Reference Bureau," changing the compensation of certain officers and employes and making appropriations.

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

Section 1. Section two, clauses (1), (1.1) and (2) of section three and sections seven, eight, twenty-two, twenty-five and twenty-six of the act of January twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 3), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal, and manner of filling vacancies; and making appropriations to the Senate, House of Representatives and Legislative Refer-

Section 2, clauses 1, 1.1 and 2 of section 3, and sections 7, 8, 22, 25 and 26 of act of January 21, 1947, P. L. 3, amended August 21, 1953, P. L. 1262, further amended.