

No. 216

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," changing definition of dependent children and enlarging the category of relatives of dependent children eligible for assistance.

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

Public Assist-
ance Law.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended August 22, 1953 (P. L. 1361), is amended to read:

Subsection (a),
section 9, act of
June 24, 1937,
P. L. 2051,
amended
August 22, 1953,
P. L. 1361,
further
amended.

Section 9. Eligibility for Assistance.—Any person residing within this Commonwealth shall hereafter be entitled to receive public assistance, as provided by law, without regard to the period of time he or she has resided therein, and the Department of Public Assistance shall grant assistance without regard to the period of time any person seeking public assistance and otherwise entitled thereto shall have resided within this State: Provided, however, That if the applicant for public assistance has resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year immediately preceding the date of making application for assistance, such person shall only be entitled to receive public assistance if he or she was last a resident of a state which by law, regulation or reciprocal agreement with Pennsylvania grants public assistance to a person who has resided therein for less than one year. A child less than one year of age is considered as deriving residence from either (1) a parent, or (2) other relative with whom he is living, as provided in this section. Except as hereinafter specifically otherwise provided in the case of pensions for the blind, all persons of the following classes, except those who hereafter advocate and actively participate by an overt act or acts in a movement proposing a change in the form of government of the United States by means not provided for in the Constitution of the United States, shall be eligible to receive assistance, in accordance with rules, regulations and standards established by the Department of

Public Assistance, with the approval of the State Board of Assistance, as to eligibility for assistance, and as to its nature and extent. Absence in the service of the Commonwealth or of the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt residence in the Commonwealth if a domicile has not been acquired outside the Commonwealth.

(a) **Dependent Children.** A dependent child is defined as any needy child [under the age of sixteen or] under the age of eighteen [if found to be regularly attending school] who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or physical or mental incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, [or] aunt, *first cousin, nephew, or niece*, in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives at his or their own home. Any one such relative who is in need of assistance to provide a decent and healthful standard of living for himself and the dependent child or children maintained in his home, and who is not receiving any other assistance under the provisions of this act, shall be eligible for assistance under this subsection, provided such relative meets the requirements of the first paragraph of this section.

So long as required as a condition of Federal participation, assistance shall not be denied a child less than one year of age if the parent or other relative with whom the child is living has resided in the Commonwealth for one year immediately preceding the child's birth.

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Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1957.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A. D. 1957.

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No. 217

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," providing for an open season for the hunting of deer of both sexes with bows and arrows, and eliminating the requirements of antlerless deer license for hunting deer with bow and arrow.

The Game Law.

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