

Section 5. This act shall not apply to any papers or records in proceedings determining or affecting title to real estate, in actions of adoption, divorce, annulment of marriage or proceedings for charters of incorporation of nonprofit corporations.

Certain records not subject to act.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

General repeal.

Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 336

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 12, 1931 (P. L. 510), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensure and regulation of certain private nursing homes, private convalescent homes and private hospitals; conferring certain powers and duties upon the Department of Welfare; and providing penalties," providing for a provisional license.

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

Department of Welfare.

Section 1. Section 4, act of June 12, 1931 (P. L. 510), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensure and regulation of certain private nursing homes, private convalescent homes and private hospitals; conferring certain powers and duties upon the Department of Welfare; and providing penalties," amended April 12, 1956 (P. L. 1460), is amended to read:

Section 4, act of June 12, 1931, P. L. 510, amended April 12, 1956, P. L. 1460, further amended.

Section 4. The Department of Welfare [shall], when satisfied that the applicant or applicants for such license are proper and responsible persons, that the place sought to be used as a private nursing home, private convalescent home or private hospital is a suitable place for such purpose and is properly equipped therefor, and when all the requirements of this act and the rules and regulations of the department have been complied with, shall issue a license to the applicant *forthwith and immediately* upon the payment of a license fee as follows: hospitals, one hundred dollars (\$100); nursing homes and convalescent homes under thirty beds, fifteen dollars (\$15); thirty beds to and including forty-nine beds, twenty-five dollars (\$25); fifty beds to and including ninety-nine beds, fifty dollars (\$50); one hundred beds and over, seventy-five dollars (\$75). The fee shall be paid into the State Treasury through the Department of

Issuance of license.

License fees and disposition thereof.

Provisional
license.

Revenue: *Provided, That when there has been substantial but not complete compliance with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and when the licensee has taken appropriate steps to correct deficiencies, if any, the Department may grant a provisional license.*

License expira-
tion, renewal,
etc.

All licenses issued by the department under this act shall expire one year next following the day on which issued, shall be on a form prescribed by the department. shall not be transferable, shall be issued only for the premises named in the application, shall at all times be posted in a conspicuous place on the applicant's premises, and may be renewed, from year to year, upon application, investigation, qualification, and payment of license fee as in the procurement of an original license: *Provided, That a provisional license may be granted for a specified period of not more than six months and that such provisional license may be renewed once: And provided further, That upon full compliance with the applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, a regular license shall be issued forthwith and immediately.*

Provisional
license expira-
tion and renewal.

APPROVED—The 9th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 337

AN ACT

Authorizing a compact between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware for the construction of a series of multipurpose dams and reservoirs on the Brandywine Creek and its tributaries and authorizing a diversion for the Borough of West Chester.

Brandywine
River Valley
Compact.

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

Governor di-
rected to execute
compact.

The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a compact on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware in form substantially as follows:

BRANDYWINE RIVER VALLEY COMPACT

The contracting states solemnly agree that:

ARTICLE I.

Purpose.

The purposes of this compact are through means of joint and cooperative action to promote the orderly development of the water resources of the Brandywine Valley for water supply, improvement of the quality of