

No. 443

## AN ACT

Providing that members of the clergy shall not be compelled or allowed to testify to certain communications made to them in the course of their duties.

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

Privileged  
communications.

Section 1. No clergyman, priest, rabbi or minister of the gospel \*of any regularly established church or religious organization, except clergymen or ministers, who are self-ordained or who are members of religious organizations in which members other than the leader thereof are deemed clergymen or ministers, who while in the course of his duties has acquired information from any person secretly and in confidence shall be compelled, or allowed without consent of such person, to disclose that information in any legal proceeding, trial or investigation, before any grand jury, traverse or petit jury, or any officer thereof, before the General Assembly or any committee thereof, or before any commission, department or bureau of this Commonwealth, or municipal body, officer or committee thereof.

Confidential  
communications  
with clergy  
privileged in any  
legal proceeding.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective  
immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of October, A. D. 1959.

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## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," empowering townships of the second class to levy, assess and collect certain additional taxes under the provisions of said act.

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

Taxation.

\* "or" in original.