

Secretary of Highways: Provided, That when the public road desired to be opened is in a built up section of any township of the second class of the type commonly known as an alley and is not an integral part of a through route, the minimum width shall be fifteen feet: And provided further, That where the breadth of a public road shall hereafter be fixed at more than one hundred and twenty feet and the right of way for such public highway has been acquired solely by the Federal government and it shall become necessary to move or relocate any public service facilities, the cost and expenses incident to such removal or relocation shall be paid by the Federal government.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of November, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 549

AN ACT

To validate and quiet the title to real estate in this Commonwealth held by a foreign corporation not authorized to transact business in Pennsylvania and heretofore conveyed to a citizen or citizens of the United States or a corporation authorized to hold such real estate.

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

Real Estate.

Section 1. The title to any real estate situate in this Commonwealth which may have been held by any foreign corporation not authorized under the laws of Pennsylvania to transact business in Pennsylvania, the title to which real estate has been heretofore conveyed by such foreign corporation to any citizen or citizens of the United States or to any corporation incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth or of any other state or commonwealth in the United States and authorized to hold such real estate, is hereby declared to be good and valid and free and clear of any right of escheat by the Commonwealth; and such citizen, citizens or corporation grantees as aforesaid and his, their or its respective heirs, successors and assigns shall hold and may convey such title and estate, indefeasible as to any right of escheat which the Commonwealth might otherwise have by rea-

Title to real estate conveyed by foreign corporation not authorized to transact business in Pennsylvania validated.

Prior conveyances ratified and confirmed.

son of said unauthorized holding and conveyance by such foreign corporation; and all such conveyances heretofore made are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Act effective immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of November, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 550

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," penalizing acts of malicious mischief to real or personal property.

The Penal Code.

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

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding a new section 916.1.

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended by adding, after section 916, a new section to read:

Section 916.1. Malicious Mischief to Real or Personal Property.—Whoever shall wilfully and maliciously destroy, damage or injure any article or item of real or personal property of another of a value in excess of fifty dollars (\$50) is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) or undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, or both. For offenses involving personal property of a value less than fifty dollars (\$50), the offender shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months.

APPROVED—The 19th day of November, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 551

AN ACT

Amending the act of December 27, 1951 (P. L. 1742), entitled, as amended, "An act to provide revenue by imposing a State tax relating to certain documents and transactions; prescribing and regulating the method and manner of evidencing the payment of such tax; conferring powers and imposing duties upon certain persons, partnerships, associations, and corporations,