

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Inconsistent acts repealed.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 All acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.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

sheriffs, recorders of deeds, and the Department of Revenue; saving certain State and local taxes and authorizing amendments, extensions and supplements to the ordinances and resolutions relating thereto; and providing penalties," further defining the word "document."

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

Section 1. The definition of "Document" in section 2, act of December 27, 1951 (P. L. 1742), known as "The Realty Transfer Tax Act," reenacted and amended June 1, 1959 (Act No. 62), is amended to read:

Section 2. The following words when used in this act shall have meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

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"Document." Any deed, instrument or writing whereby any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this Commonwealth or any interest therein shall be granted, bargained, sold, or otherwise conveyed to the grantee, purchaser, or any other person, but does not include wills, mortgages, transfers between husband and wife, transfers between parent and child or the spouse of such a child or between parent and trustee for the benefit of a child or the spouse of such child, by and between a principal and straw party for the purpose of placing a mortgage or ground rent upon the premises, correctional deeds without consideration, transfers to the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or to any of their instrumentalities, agencies or political subdivisions, by gift, dedication or deed of confirmation in connection with condemnation proceedings, or reconveyance by the condemning body of the property condemned to the owner of record at the time of condemnation which reconveyance may include property line adjustments provided said reconveyance is made within one year from the date of condemnation, leases, a conveyance to a trustee under a recorded trust agreement for the express purpose of holding title in trust as security for a debt contracted at the time of the conveyance under which the trustee is not the lender and requiring the trustee to make reconveyance to the grantor-borrower upon the repayment of the debt, or a transfer by the owner of previously occupied residential premises to a builder of new residential premises when such previously occupied residential premises is taken in trade by such builder as part of the consideration from the purchaser of a new previously unoccupied residential premises.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

The Realty
Transfer Tax
Act.

Definition of
"Document,"
section 2, act
of December 27,
1951, P. L. 1742,
reenacted and
amended June 1,
1959, Act No.
62, further
amended.