

vision, regulation, and examination by the Insurance Commissioner, and for the admission of foreign societies; designating tables of mortality as a basis for rates of contribution; requiring all societies to make annual and other reports; and appointing the Insurance Commissioner as attorney for service of process; providing penalties for any violations of the act; exempting such societies from taxation and certain other societies from its provisions; and requiring beneficial associations, other than fraternal benefit societies, to report to and be supervised by the Insurance Commissioner; and repealing existing laws," amended July 13, 1953 (P. L. 436), is amended to read:

Section 9. Powers to Legislate and Regulate.—Every such society [shall] *may* provide for the payment of death benefits *on the lives of members, or upon application of a member on the lives of the member's spouse and minor children in the same or separate certificates*, and may provide for the erection of monuments to mark the graves of its deceased members and shall have power: To make, alter, and amend its constitution and laws for the government of the society, to arrange for the management of its affairs, the admission and classification of its members, to control and regulate terms and conditions governing the issuance of its beneficiary certificates, the character or kind of benefits payable or allowable thereunder, and the manner in which they are to be paid, to fix and adjust rates of contribution, fees, or dues payable by its members and the allotment of the same to the different funds of the society.

Nothing contained in this act shall prevent a society from using terminology that expresses the intent and purpose of the forms issued to the members, except that in the contracts issued such forms shall include, in conspicuous type on the masthead and on the filing back under the name of the society, the words "A Fraternal Benefit Society."

APPROVED—The 26th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 378

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to construct a highway and to erect and maintain a bridge over the Schuylkill River, in Montgomery

County, between a point in the Borough of Norristown and a point in the Borough of Bridgeport or a township adjacent thereto, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering the county to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor.

Bridge and approaches.

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

Department of Highways, with approval of Governor, authorized to build a bridge over the Schuylkill River in Montgomery County.

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to construct a highway and to erect and construct a bridge over the Schuylkill River, in Montgomery County, between a point in the Borough of Norristown on the north bank of the Schuylkill River and a point in the Borough of Bridgeport or a township adjacent thereto on the south bank of the Schuylkill River. The Department of Highways shall determine the exact location of the bridge and may acquire the necessary land for the approaches thereto.

Powers granted Department of Highways.

Section 2. In the construction of the bridge and the approaches thereto and connections with existing State highways, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of taking property in the location, widening or construction of any such bridge, the approaches thereto and connections with State highways, shall be ascertained in accordance with laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating, widening or constructing State highways, and such damages when ascertained shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State highways.

The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and carry out and to do every other act necessary to carry out the project herein authorized.

Maintenance thereof.

Section 3. After the completion of such bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be reconstructed and maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Appropriation.

Section 4. So much of the money in the Motor License Fund from time to time as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this act, but not in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Section 5. The Department of Highways shall begin the preparation of the plans and specifications for the construction of the bridge herein mentioned by October 15, 1961.

Plans and specifications for construction.

APPROVED—The 26th day of July, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 379

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "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 Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare 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," further defining assistance to include certain dependent children and medical care for the aged and those persons eligible therefor, and prescribing procedures, requirements and penalties incidental thereto.

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

Public Assistance Law.

Section 1. Section 2, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended May 15, 1956 (P. L. 1573), is amended to read:

Section 2, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, amended May 15, 1956, P. L. 1573, further amended.

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated, "Assistance" means assistance in money, goods, shelter, medical care, *including medical assistance for the aged*, work relief or services, provided from or with State, [or] Federal, *county, county institution district or municipal* funds, for indigent persons who reside in Pennsylvania and need assistance to provide for themselves and their dependents a decent and healthful standard of living, and for indigent homeless or transient persons. The word, assistance, shall be construed to include pensions for those blind persons who are entitled to pensions, as provided in this act, and to include also burial for those indigent persons who were receiving assistance at the time of their death. The word, assistance, shall also be construed to include sufficient financial assistance to enable physically disabled persons who require nursing home care, as prescribed by responsi-