

sole purpose of administering the provisions of this act and for foresting or reclaiming land affected by open pit mining of anthracite coal, and for such purposes are hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries.

General repeal.

Section 13. All acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Effective date and applicability of certain provisions.

Section 14. The act shall take effect in ninety days. However, the Land Restoration Board and the Bureau of Anthracite Conservation and Reclamation shall be created immediately, and the Director of Anthracite Conservation and Reclamation may be appointed immediately to enable the said board, bureau and director to make such preparation as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of the act as amended on the said effective date.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 394

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," authorizing the Department of Public Welfare to contract with certain nonprofit corporations for the purpose of providing medical services, including hospital care, to persons who are eligible for such services as assistance.

Public Assistance Law.

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

Section 4, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, amended by adding a new clause (o).

Section 1. Section 4, act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 4. General Powers and Duties of Department of Public Welfare.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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(o) To contract with one or more nonprofit corporations authorized by law to operate nonprofit hospital plans, nonprofit medical, osteopathic and dental service plans or nonprofit dental service plans for the purpose of providing medical services, including inpatient hospital care, to persons who are eligible for such services as assistance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount of assistance to be paid on behalf of a person eligible for services provided under such a contract shall, if Federal funds otherwise available to Pennsylvania are not thereby decreased, equal the excess of the cost of such services over the greater of (i) the amount of the person's excess income and excess property exclusive of insurance for such services, or (ii) the value of the person's own insurance for such services. Such a contract shall provide for payment to the corporation of actual costs incurred by the corporation under the contract.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 395

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 26, 1953 (P. J. 1476), entitled "An act to carry out the intent and purpose of Article XV, Section 1 and Article XIV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and to supplement the First Class City Home Rule Act, approved April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 665), by vesting in the Council of the City of Philadelphia full powers to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of certain officers, offices, boards and commissions of the City of Philadelphia; providing that such officers may be made appointive or abolished; altering the term of the District Attorney of Philadelphia; and establishing the status of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission, the members of such board and commission, and the subordinates and employes of such officers, board and commission," removing the exclusion of the Sheriff, City Commissioners, Board of Revision of Taxes and Registration Commission from the provisions of section 2, and providing that such officers be included within the provisions of the said section, so that the Council of the City of Philadelphia shall have full power to legislate with respect to the election, appointment, compensation, organization, abolition, merger, consolidation, powers, functions and duties of the Sheriff, City Com-