

and technical institute projects not to exceed a total of [twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000)] forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) in any fiscal year.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of January, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 15

AN ACT

HB 842

Amending the act of June 7, 1917 (P. L. 363), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the orphans' courts; the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," changing the provisions relating to commissions to be paid to real estate brokers.

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

Section 1. The last paragraph of section 9, act of June 7, 1917 (P. L. 363), entitled "An act relating to the organization, jurisdiction, and procedure of the orphans' courts; the powers and duties of the judges thereof; and appeals therefrom," amended May 2, 1949 (P. L. 793), is amended to read:

Section 9. * * *

And such jurisdiction shall be exercised under the limitations and in the manner provided by law: Provided, however, That nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to relieve executors, administrators or trustees who have entered into an agreement of sale of real estate of a decedent or any other real estate held in trust in good faith, and who prior to the time fixed for settlement thereunder have received a higher offer for such real estate, from the payment of real estate broker or broker's commissions to the broker who had procured such agreement of sale, and in the event that more than one real estate broker is entitled to commissions for said agreements of sale, then such commissions shall be equally divided between or among such real estate brokers: Provided further, That the total aggregate [commissions paid shall in no event exceed five per cent of the gross consideration of the final sale] commission paid as a percentage of the gross consideration of the final sale shall in no event exceed the prevailing rate of commission as recommended by the schedule of

commissions of the board of realtors in the territory in which the property is located.

APPROVED—The 13th day of March, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 16
AN ACT

HB 1901

Amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P. L. 1050), entitled "An act relating to the collection of taxes levied by counties, county institution districts, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships, certain school districts and vocational school districts; conferring powers and imposing duties on tax collectors, courts and various officers of said political subdivisions; and prescribing penalties," further regulating exonerations.

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

Section 1. Section 37, act of May 25, 1945 (P. L. 1050), known as the "Local Tax Collection Law," is amended to read:

Section 37. Exonerations.—Taxing districts shall at all times make exonerations for uncollectible occupation, poll and per capita taxes, mistakes, indigent persons, unseated lands, deaths, removals, et cetera, as to them shall appear just and reasonable. The chief clerk or secretary, as the case may be, of each taxing district shall enter in a book or books, to be kept for that purpose, the names of all persons exonerated, together with the reason why, the amount of the tax, and date when made, and give to the tax collector a certificate directed to the proper treasurer, stating the nature of the tax and the amount exonerated in order to make settlement accordingly. The list of exonerations shall remain in force until the taxing district upon information received from the tax collector or for other valid reasons, shall rescind or change the list. When a tax collector has been exonerated from the collection of any tax, such action shall not in any way have the effect of discharging or limiting the liability of the taxable, but all methods of enforcing collection of taxes shall continue as though no exoneration had been made.

APPROVED—The 13th day of March, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.