

No. 137

AN ACT

SB 1298

Amending the act of December 2, 1968 (Act No. 358), entitled "An act to provide for the office of public defender, authorizing assistants and other personnel, and to provide adequate representation for persons who have been charged with an indictable offense or with being a juvenile delinquent, who for lack of sufficient funds are unable to obtain legal counsel," authorizing the public defender to represent certain persons in proceedings under the "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966."

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

Section 1. Section 6, act of December 2, 1968 (Act No. 358), known as the "Public Defender Act," is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

Section 6. Duties.—\* \* \*

(c) *The public defender, when appointed by the court, shall furnish legal counsel to persons who are or may be subject to commitment in a proceeding under the act of October 20, 1966 (P.L.96), known as the "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966."*

APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 137.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.