

No. 234.

## AN ACT

To amend the first paragraph of section three of the act, approved the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred ten), entitled "An act relating to fires and fire prevention; imposing duties, and conferring powers heretofore exercised by the State Fire Marshal, upon the Department of State Police; authorizing the appointment of the chiefs of fire departments and certain public officers and others as assistants to said department, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstance of fires, and the inspection of all and the removal or change of certain buildings; imposing duties on school authorities, and on certain corporations, associations, and fire rating agencies; providing for the attendance of witnesses before the department, and the enforcement of its orders; and prescribing penalties."

Fire prevention.  
Department of  
State Police.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the first paragraph of section three of the act, approved the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred ten), entitled "An act relating to fires and fire prevention; imposing duties, and conferring powers heretofore exercised by the State Fire Marshal, upon the Department of State Police; authorizing the appointment of the chiefs of fire departments and certain public officers and others as assistants to said department, and defining their powers and duties; providing for the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstance of fires, and the inspection of all and the removal or change of certain buildings; imposing duties on school authorities, and on certain corporations, associations, and fire rating agencies; providing for the attendance of witnesses before the department, and the enforcement of its orders; and prescribing penalties," which reads as follows:—

Section 3, act  
of July 1, 1919  
(P. L. 710),  
cited for amend-  
ment.

"Section 3. The Department of State Police or its assistants, upon the complaint of any person, or whenever it or they shall deem it necessary, shall inspect the buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any of the said officers shall find any buildings or structures, which, for want of repairs or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or any other cause, is especially liable to fire and so situated as to endanger other property, it or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied, if the same is reasonably practicable, thereby lessening the danger from fire. Whenever such officer shall find in any building combustible or explosive matter or inflammable conditions which are in violation of any law or ordinance applicable thereto, or are dangerous to the safety of such buildings, thereby endangering other property, it or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the

owner or occupant of such premises or building. If such order is made by any assistant to Department of State Police, such owner or occupant may, within five days, appeal to the Department of State Police, which shall, within ten days, review such order and file its decision thereon; and, unless by its authority the order is revoked or modified, it shall remain in full force and be obeyed by such owner or occupant: *Provided, however, That* any such owner or occupant, who feels himself aggrieved by *such order*, may, within five days after the same has been *affirmed* by the Department of State Police, file his petition with the court of common pleas of the proper county, praying a review of such order; and it shall be the duty of the court to hear the same at the first convenient day, and to make such order in the premises as right and justice may require," is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 3. The Department of State Police or its assistants, upon the complaint of any person, or whenever it or they shall deem it necessary, shall inspect the buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any of the said officers shall find any buildings or structures, which, for want of repairs or by reason of age or dilapidated condition or any other cause, is especially liable to fire and so situated as to endanger other property, it or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied, if the same is reasonably practicable, thereby lessening the danger of fire. Whenever such officer shall find in any building combustible or explosive matter or inflammable conditions which are in violation of any law or ordinance applicable thereto, or are dangerous to the safety of such buildings, thereby endangering other property, it or they shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall *contain a notice that an appeal therefrom may be taken within ten days, and shall* forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings. If such order is made by any assistant to Department of State Police, such owner or occupant may, within five days, appeal to the Department of State Police, which shall, within ten days, review such order and file its decision thereon; and, unless by its authority the order is revoked or modified, it shall remain in full force, and be obeyed by such owner or occupant. Any owner or occupant, who feels himself aggrieved by *any order of the Department of State Police or by any decision upholding or modifying any order of any of its assistants*, may, within five days after the same has been *made or filed* by the Department of State Police, file his petition with the court of common pleas of the proper county, praying a review of such order; and it shall be the duty of the court to hear the same at the first convenient day, and

Inspection of buildings.

Orders of department.

Removal or repair of buildings.

Removal of combustibles or inflammables.

Notice that an appeal may be taken from order.

Appeals.

to make such order in the premises as right and justice may require.

APPROVED—The 11th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 235.

### A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to establish an asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth to be called 'The Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital and Union Asylum for the Insane,'" approved the fourteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-five (Pamphlet Laws, page four hundred and forty).

Harrisburg State  
Hospital.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the approval of this act, the name of the asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth, which was created and incorporated by the act of General Assembly, approved the fourteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-five (Pamphlet Laws, page four hundred and forty), entitled "An act to establish an asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth to be called 'The Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital and Union Asylum for the Insane,'" the name of which was changed to "Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital" by a supplement to said act, approved the eleventh day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (Pamphlet Laws, page five hundred and thirty-five), entitled "A supplement to the act to establish an asylum for the insane poor of this Commonwealth passed April fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five," shall be, and the same hereby is, changed to "Harrisburg State Hospital."

APPROVED—The 11th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.