

assumpsit against said person, firm, association, or corporation failing to pay over such tax, as debts of like amount are now recoverable. In the collection of any judgment recovered for any such delinquent *per capita* tax against any person, firm, association, or corporation, the defendant therein shall not be entitled to the benefit of any exemption, appraisalment law, or stay of execution.

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

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 239.

AN ACT

To amend section two of an act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred nine (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and seventeen), entitled "An act for the safety of persons from fire or panic in certain buildings, not in cities of the first and second classes, by providing proper exits, fire-escapes, fire-extinguishers, and other preventives of fire; by vesting jurisdiction for the enforcement of this act in the Department of Factory Inspection; and by providing proper penalties for any violation of the same," as amended.

Fire and panic.  
Construction of  
buildings not in  
cities of first and  
second classes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred nine (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and seventeen), entitled "An act for the safety of persons from fire or panic in certain buildings, not in cities of the first and second classes, by providing proper exits, fire-escapes, fire-extinguishers, and other preventives of fire; by vesting jurisdiction for the enforcement of this act in the Department of Factory Inspection; and by providing proper penalties for any violation of the same," as amended by an act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and six), entitled "An act to further amend sections one and two of an act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nine (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and seventeen), entitled 'An act for the safety of persons from fire or panic in certain buildings, not in cities of the first and second classes, by providing proper exits, fire-escapes, fire-extinguishers, and other preventives of fire; by vesting jurisdiction for the enforcement of this act in the Department of Factory Inspection; and by providing proper penalties for any violation of the same,' as amended," which reads as follows:—

Section 2, act  
May 3, 1909  
(P. L. 417), as  
amended June  
7, 1919 (P. L.  
406), cited for  
amendment.

"Section 2. In every theatre, moving-picture theatre, opera house, or other building, where stage scenery, moving picture or other apparatus is used, or entertainments are given, there shall be provided one or more direct exterior doorways from the stage, and for dressing-rooms direct exterior doorways shall be pro-

vided,—all of the said doorways to be not less than five feet in width in the clear, and to be equipped with approved panic bolts. The passageways leading to such exits shall not be obstructed and shall be properly lighted. At each exit there shall be a colored illuminated sign, with the word 'Exit' thereon, and in the said passageways there shall be signs indicating the direction of the said exits. Neither on or about the stage, auditorium, or galleries, nor in any other part of the building in which the said theatre, moving-picture theatre, opera house, or public hall is located, shall any inflammable or explosive oil be used or stored. All lights on or about the stage and throughout the auditorium shall be properly guarded. All electrical wiring and appliances in such buildings shall be installed according to specifications set forth in the Pennsylvania Electrical Code of rules adopted by the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry, and so maintained.

"There shall be a proscenium curtain constructed of wire-woven asbestos of not less than two pounds per square yard, or of sheet metal, and all other drop-curtains and sky borders on the stage shall be of an approved noncombustible substance; and on each side of the stage there shall be standpipes of at least two inches in diameter, with hose and nozzle and rack for same, such hose and attachments to be not less than one and one-half inches in diameter, of sufficient quantity, and properly maintained. There shall also be provided for each side of the stage not less than two chemical fire-extinguishers of an approved type, and one cask of not less than forty-two gallons capacity which shall be kept full of water, and two buckets for each cask; the said buckets and casks to be painted red. The said fire-extinguishers and casks shall be kept free from any obstruction and in readiness for immediate use at all times.

"In all auditoriums and galleries of the said buildings, as described in this section, there shall be at least one aisle, of a width of not less than four feet in the clear throughout its entire length, leading to the exits, and no person shall be permitted to stand in, nor any obstruction be permitted in any aisle or in the line of passage between an aisle and an exit. There shall be not more than six seats between any one seat and an aisle, nor more than fourteen seats between any two aisles, and all seats shall be securely fastened to the floor during all performances or entertainments. The word 'Exit,' in large, legible, illuminated letters, shall be posted and kept posted at each and every exit; and all exits shall be equipped with approved panic bolts, shall open outward, and shall be kept unobstructed and ready for instant use from the opening of the said

buildings to the close of each and every performance or entertainment therein.

"In all buildings hereafter erected or adapted for any of the purposes designated in this section, the auditorium shall not be located above or below the ground level," is hereby further amended to read as follows:—

Construction of  
theatres, opera  
houses, etc.

Section 2. In every theatre, moving-picture theatre, opera house, or other building, where stage scenery, moving picture or other apparatus is used, or entertainments are given, there shall be provided one or more direct exterior doorways from the stage, and for dressing-rooms direct exterior doorways shall be provided,—all of the said doorways to be not less than five feet in width in the clear, and to be equipped with approved panic bolts. The passageways leading to such exits shall not be obstructed, and shall be properly lighted. At each exit there shall be a colored illuminated sign, with the word "Exit" thereon, and in the said passageways there shall be signs indicating the directions of the said exits. Neither on or about the stage, auditorium, or galleries, nor in any other part of the building in which the said theatre, moving-picture theatre, opera house, or public hall is located, shall any inflammable or explosive oil be used or stored. All lights on or about the stage and throughout the auditorium shall be properly guarded. All electrical wiring and appliances in such buildings shall be installed according to specifications set forth in the Pennsylvania Electrical Code of rules adopted by the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry, and so maintained.

Doorways.

Exit" signs.

Inflammable or  
explosive oil,  
Lighting.

Electric wiring.

Proscenium  
curtain.

Curtains and  
borders.

Stand pipes.

Hose.

Fire-  
extinguishers.

Casks.

Buckets.

Aisles.

There shall be a proscenium curtain constructed of wire-woven asbestos of not less than two pounds per square yard, or of sheet metal, and all other drop-curtains and sky borders on the stage shall be of an approved noncombustible substance; and on each side of the stage there shall be standpipes of at least two inches in diameter, with hose and nozzle and rack for same; such hose and attachments to be not less than one and one-half inches in diameter, of sufficient quantity, and properly maintained. There shall also be provided, for each side of the stage, not less than two chemical fire-extinguishers of an approved type, and one cask of not less than forty-two gallons capacity which shall be kept full of water, and two buckets for each cask; the said buckets and casks to be painted red. The said fire-extinguishers and casks shall be kept free from any obstruction and in readiness for immediate use at all times.

In all auditoriums and galleries of the said buildings, as described in this section, there shall be at least one aisle, of a width of not less than four feet in the clear throughout its entire length, leading to the exits,

and no person shall be permitted to stand in, nor any obstruction be permitted in, any aisle or in the line of passage between an aisle and an exit. There shall be not more than six seats between any one seat and an aisle, nor more than fourteen seats between any two aisles, and all seats shall be securely fastened to the floor during all performances or entertainments. The word "Exit" in large, legible, illuminated letters, shall be posted and kept posted at each and every exit; and all exits shall be equipped with approved panic bolts, shall open outward, and shall be kept unobstructed and ready for instant use from the opening of the said buildings to the close of each and every performance or entertainment therein.

Seats.

"Exit" signs.

Exits.

In all buildings, *except schoolhouses, normal schools, academies, and colleges*, hereafter erected or adapted for any of the purposes designated in this section, the auditorium shall not be located above or below the ground level. *In schoolhouses, normal schools, academies, and colleges, the auditorium shall not be placed above the first floor level nor below the grade level in new buildings.*

Location of auditorium in schools and colleges.

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

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 240.

AN ACT

Providing for the reimbursement of counties by boroughs and townships, when the county has contracted with the State Highway Department for the payment of both the county's and the borough or township's share of the cost of constructing or improving a State or State-aid highway; authorizing counties to so contract; empowering boroughs and townships to incur indebtedness therefor; and authorizing an assessment of the borough's share on the abutting property.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever, under any law of this Commonwealth, a county and a borough, or a county and a township, may enter into a contract with the State Highway Department for the construction or improvement of a State or State-aid highway, such county may contract with the State Highway Department to pay the whole of such part of the cost thereof as is not paid by the Commonwealth. The county and the borough or the township where such improvements are made may contract for the reimbursement to the county, by the borough or township, of a part of the cost for which the county has contracted with the State Highway Department, under such terms as may be mutually agreed on.

Highways.

Joint construction or improvement.

Payment of borough's or township's share by county.

Reimbursement of county.