

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any corporation incorporated under the laws of any other State of the United States of America, *the District of Columbia, or by Act of Congress*, may take, by conveyance, devise, lease, or otherwise, such real estate, and rights and interests in the nature of or in respect to real estate, in Pennsylvania, as may be necessary and proper for the exercise of such of their corporate purposes as it may be lawful under the Constitution and laws of Pennsylvania to exercise in this State, and may hold, use, enjoy, improve, develop, mortgage, lease, and convey the same, or any portion thereof: Provided, however, That no foreign corporation which is a public service company under the Pennsylvania law shall exercise any rights under this act until it shall first have obtained the approval of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, evidenced by its certificate of public convenience.

May hold real estate necessary to exercise of corporate powers.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.

No. 134.

AN ACT

To amend section fifty-five of the act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and eighty-two), entitled "An act to Consolidate, Revise and Amend the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth," as amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section fifty-five of the act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and eighty-two), entitled "An act to Consolidate, Revise and Amend the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth," which was amended by section one of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, thirty-two), entitled "An act to amend section fifty-five of an act, approved the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and eighty-two), entitled 'An act to Consolidate, Revise and Amend the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth,'" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Penal laws.

Section 55. If any person shall set up or establish, or cause to be set up or established, either in the open or in any house, room, outhouse, tent, booth, arbor or other place whatsoever, any game or device of address, or hazard, with cards, dice, billiard balls, shuffle

Setting up device of hazard.

Procuring assemblage of persons for purpose of gambling.

Leasing premises for gambling.

Misdemeanor.

Owner presumed to have leased knowingly for gambling purposes unless complaint made.

boards, or any other instrument, article or thing whatsoever, heretofore or which hereafter may be invented, used and employed, at which money or other valuable thing may or shall be played for, or staked or betted upon; or if any person shall procure, permit, suffer and allow persons to collect and assemble in his house, room, outhouse, booth, tent, arbor or other place whatsoever, under his control, for the purpose of playing at, and staking or betting upon such game or device of address, or hazard, money or other valuable thing; or if any person being the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of any house, room, outhouse, tent, booth, arbor or other place whatsoever, shall lease, hire or rent the same, or any part thereof, to be used and occupied, or employed for the purpose of playing at, or staking and betting upon such game or device of address, or hazard, for money or other valuable thing, the person so offending in either of the enumerated cases, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, [and] *or* undergo an imprisonment not exceeding one year, *or both*. The owner of such house, room, outhouse, tent, booth, arbor or other place whatsoever, who shall have knowledge that any such game or device of address, or hazard, aforesaid, has been set up in or upon the said premises, and shall not forthwith cause complaint to be made against the person who has set up or established the same, shall be deemed and held to have knowingly leased, hired or rented the said premises for the said purposes: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to apply to games of recreation and exercise, such as billiards, bagatelle, ten pins, et cetera, where no betting is allowed.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1925.

GIFFORD PINCHOT.