

## No. 270

## AN ACT

Providing for a system of recording the identification of persons convicted of crime, and of fugitives from justice, and habitual criminals; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Pennsylvania State Police, district attorneys, police officers, wardens or keepers of jails, prisons, workhouses, or other penal institutions, and sheriffs; providing for the payment of certain expenses by the counties; and imposing penalties.

Identification of criminals.

Recording the identification of criminals.

Persons in charge of penal institutions to furnish information.

Police officers may take finger prints or photographs of criminals.

Chiefs of bureaus of cities to report finger prints.

Pennsylvania State Police to compare finger prints with files.

Pennsylvania State Police to cooperate with other agencies and to furnish information.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, the Pennsylvania State Police shall continue to procure and file for record photographs, pictures, descriptions, finger prints, and such other information as may be pertinent, of all persons who have been, or may hereafter be, convicted of crime within this Commonwealth, and also of all well-known and habitual criminals wherever they may be procured.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the persons in charge of any State penal institution, or of any jail, prison, or workhouse within this Commonwealth, to furnish to the Pennsylvania State Police, upon request, the finger prints, photographs, and description of any person detained in such institution, jail, prison, or workhouse.

Section 3. The Pennsylvania State Police, the persons in charge of State penal institutions, the wardens or keepers of jails, prisons, and workhouses within this Commonwealth, and all police officers within the several political subdivisions of this Commonwealth, shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, the finger prints or photographs of any person in custody, charged with the commission of crime, or who they have reason to believe is a fugitive from justice or a habitual criminal; and it shall be the duty of the chiefs of bureaus of all cities within this Commonwealth to furnish daily, to the Pennsylvania State Police, copies of the finger prints, and, if possible, photographs, of all persons arrested within their jurisdiction charged with the commission of felony, or who they have reason to believe are fugitives from justice or habitual criminals, such finger prints to be taken on forms furnished or approved by the Pennsylvania State Police. It shall be the duty of the Pennsylvania State Police, immediately upon the receipt of such records, to compare them with those already in their files, and, if they find that any person arrested has a previous criminal record or is a fugitive from justice, forthwith to inform the arresting officer, or the officer having the prisoner in charge, of such fact.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Pennsylvania State Police to cooperate with agencies of other States and of the United States, having similar powers, to