

the War with Spain, in Mexican border service, in the World War, or in any] *Provided, That service in the volunteer forces of the United States in any war or in any other Federal service may be included as twice its actual length in computing the thirty years service required for retirement.* [And provided further, That the Governor may confer upon any citizen who has been connected with any military college located within, and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth, and who has had a commission as an officer for a period of thirty years or more granted by the Governor in accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth, brevet rank of not more than one grade higher than the highest rank held by him during the term he was so commissioned.]

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 327

AN ACT

Authorizing churches, cemetery companies, and burial associations to lease or convey coal and other minerals; providing for the use and expenditure of the funds derived therefrom and for the support of the overlying surface.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for all incorporated or unincorporated churches, cemetery companies, and burial associations, now prevented by charter restrictions or otherwise from leasing or selling any coal or other minerals owned by them, to so lease and convey; and said churches, companies, and associations are hereby authorized and empowered to sell, lease, or convey said coal and other minerals subject to such conditions as will ensure the support of the overlying surface, and subject also to the requirement that at least fifty per centum of said coal and other minerals shall be left in place properly distributed to support the surface, and that no mining be done or permitted closer to the surface than two hundred feet.

Section 2. The funds realized by such lease or sale shall be used and applied only for the purchase and acquisition of additional land for the purposes and uses of said churches, companies, and associations, or for the improvement, care, beautifying, endowment and maintenance of their properties.

Sale or lease of coal and other minerals by churches, cemetery companies and burial associations.

Use of funds realized from sales.

Repeal.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts general, special or local, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

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AN ACT

To amend section four hundred and thirty-four of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," as amended.

Townships.

Section 434 of act of July 14, 1917 (P. L. 840), last amended by act of June 29, 1923 (P. L. 916), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four hundred and thirty-four of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled "An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto," which was last amended by the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred sixteen), entitled "An act to amend section one hundred and ninety-six as amended, section one hundred and ninety-seven as amended, section one hundred and ninety-eight, section four hundred and twenty-seven, section four hundred and thirty-four as amended, and section one thousand and forty of the act, approved the fourteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred forty), entitled 'An act concerning townships; and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating thereto,'" is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Improvements for which rewards shall be paid.

Section 434. Rewards shall be granted by the Commonwealth for improvements only of the character herein set forth, namely: (a) For grading and draining a section of road not less than one-fourth mile in length; (b) for graveling or cindering, or using other approved materials on, a graded and drained road not less than one-fourth mile in length; (c) for constructing a road with broken stone base, and broken stone, slag, gravel, cinders, or other approved material top, not less than one-fourth mile in length; (d) for macadamizing a road or for constructing a Telford macadam road of not less than one-fourth mile in length; (e) for constructing a concrete, brick, or bituminous surface road of not less than one-fourth mile in length; (f) for the erection and construction of bridges