

No. 43

AN ACT

Relating to prostitution; defining and prohibiting pandering; prohibiting the leaving of a wife in a house of prostitution, the receipt or appropriation of money from earnings of a prostitute, the detention of a female in a house of prostitution, and the transportation of a female for purposes of prostitution; fixing the jurisdiction of the courts in cases involving transportation; providing penalties; and regulating the competency of certain evidence at the trial of persons indicted for violations hereof.

Pandering.

Definition.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any person who shall procure a female inmate for a house of prostitution; or who shall induce, persuade, encourage, inveigle, or entice a female person to become a prostitute; or who by promises, threats, violence, or by any device or scheme, shall cause, induce, persuade, encourage, take, place, harbor, inveigle, or entice a female person to become an inmate of a house of prostitution, or assignation place, or any place where prostitution is practiced, encouraged, or allowed; or any person who shall, by promises, threats, violence, or by any device or scheme, cause, induce, persuade, encourage, inveigle, or entice an inmate of a house of prostitution or place of assignation to remain therein as such inmate; or any person who, by threats, violence, by any device or scheme, by fraud or artifice, or by duress of person or goods, or by abuse of any position of confidence or authority, or, having legal charge, shall take, place, harbor, inveigle, entice, or procure any female person to enter any place within this Commonwealth in which prostitution is practiced, encouraged, or allowed, for the purpose of prostitution, or to inveigle, entice, or procure any female person to come into this Commonwealth or to leave this Commonwealth for the purpose of prostitution; or who takes or detains a female, with the intent to compel her by force, threats, menace, or duress to marry him or to marry any other person; or who shall receive or give, or agree to receive or give, any money or thing of value for procuring, or attempting to procure, any female person to become a prostitute, or to come into this Commonwealth or leave this Commonwealth for the purpose of prostitution,—shall be guilty of pandering—a felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement, for a period of not more than ten years.

Felony.

Penalty.

Wife placed or left in house of prostitution.

Felony.

Penalty.

Section 2. Any person who, by force, fraud, intimidation or threats, places or leaves, or procures any other person or persons to place or leave, his wife in a house of prostitution, shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment,

by separate or solitary confinement at labor, for a period of not more than ten years.

Section 3. Any person who shall knowingly accept, receive, levy, or appropriate any money or other valuable thing, without consideration, from the proceeds of the earnings of any woman engaged in prostitution, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to an imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement at labor, for a period of not more than ten years. Any such acceptance, receipt, levy, or appropriation of such money or valuable thing, shall, upon any proceeding or trial for violation of this section, be evidence of lack of consideration.

Acceptance of
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Felony.

Penalty.

Presumptive
evidence.

Section 4. Any person or persons who attempt to detain any female person in a disorderly house or house of prostitution, because of any debt or debts she has contracted, or is said to have contracted, while living in said house, shall be guilty of felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement at labor, for a period of not more than ten years.

Detention for
debt.

Felony.

Penalty.

Section 5. Any person who shall knowingly transport or cause to be transported, or aid or assist in obtaining transportation for, by any means of conveyance, into, through, or across this Commonwealth, any female person for the purpose of prostitution, or with the intent and purpose to induce, entice, or compel such female person to become a prostitute, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to imprisonment, by separate or solitary confinement at labor, for a period of not more than ten years. Any person who may commit the crime in this section mentioned may be prosecuted, indicted, tried, and convicted in any county or city in or through which he shall so transport or attempt to transport any female person, as aforesaid.

Transportation
for purpose of
prostitution.

Felony.

Penalty.

Jurisdiction.

Section 6. It shall not be a defense to a prosecution for any of the acts prohibited in the foregoing sections, that any part of such act or acts shall have been committed outside this Commonwealth; and the offense shall, in such case, be deemed and alleged to have been committed, and the offender tried and punished, in any county in which the prostitution was intended to be practiced, or in which the offense was consummated, or any overt act in furtherance of the offense shall have been committed.

Construction.

Place of
prosecution.

Section 7. The act approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred ninety-eight), entitled "An act defining and prohibiting pandering; providing penalties for violation hereof; and regulating the competency of cer-

Act of June 7,
1911 (P. L. 698),
repealed.

tain evidence at the trial thereof," is hereby repealed: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any crimes committed before the passage thereof, but all such crimes shall be prosecuted as heretofore under the provisions of the act which is hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 44

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment and compensation of park guards in cities of the third class; defining their powers; and imposing their supervision on the superintendent of parks and public property in such cities.

Cities of third class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the council of each city of the third class of the Commonwealth shall have power, under the provisions of this act, to provide, by ordinance, for the selection and employment of such number of persons as they deem necessary to act as park guards, fix their compensation and duties, and provide for their uniforming.

Park guards.

Powers as policemen.

Section 2. Persons appointed as park guards, under any ordinance passed pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall have, in the parks and playgrounds and other public places in such cities, the same power in preserving the peace, maintaining order and making arrests as policemen have in such cities of the third class.

Supervision of guards.

Section 3. Such park guards shall be under the supervision, control and direction of the superintendent of the department of parks and public property.

APPROVED—The 24th day of April, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 45

AN ACT

To amend section two of the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred three (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred thirty-two), entitled "An act for the annexation of any city, borough, township, or part of a township, to a contiguous city, and providing for the indebtedness of the same," providing that in case a part of a township is proposed to be annexed, notice shall be given and the election held in the entire township affected.

Cities.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of the