

*the date specified in the law, the same shall become effective *immediately upon final enactment.*

All laws enacted finally at a special or extraordinary session of the Legislature, shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final enactment, unless a different date is specified in the law itself.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 347

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Act Number 141), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by further defining "qualified physician" and the rights of patients in institutions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (13) of section 102 of the act, approved the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Act Number 141), entitled "An act relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 102. Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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(13) "Qualified physician" shall mean a physician who has been (1) a resident of Pennsylvania for at least three years, (2) licensed *in Pennsylvania* to practice medicine [in Pennsylvania] and surgery within the scope of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 639), as amended, or osteopathy or osteopathic surgery within the scope of the act, approved the nineteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred nine (Pamphlet Laws 46), as amended, and (3) in the actual practice of medicine or osteopathy for at least three years, or has had at least one year's experience as a *medical or an osteopathic* physician in an institution.

"The Mental Health Act of 1951."

Clause (13) of section 102, act of June 12, 1951 (Act No. 141), amended.

* "immediatly" in original.

Clauses (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of section 312, said act, amended.

Section 2. Clauses (3) and (4) of subsection (a) of section 312 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 312. Contents of Physician's Certificate; Penalty for False Statement.—

(a) In every qualified physician's certificate required by this act for the admission or commitment of a patient, the physician issuing the same shall state—

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(3) That he has been licensed to practice medicine *or osteopathy* in this State;

(4) That he has been in the actual practice of medicine *or osteopathy* for at least three years, or has had at least one year's experience as a *medical or an osteopathic* physician in an institution.

Clause 7 of section 801, said act, amended.

Section 3. Clause 7 of section 801 of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 801. Rights of Patient.—

Every patient in any institution shall have the right—

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(7) To be visited and examined at all reasonable hours by any medical *or osteopathic* practitioner designated by him or by any member of his family or "near friend," with the sanction of a court of the county in which he resided prior to his commitment to such institution. With the consent of the patient and of the superintendent, the medical *or osteopathic* practitioner may attend the patient for all maladies, other than mental illness, in the same manner as if the patient were in his own home.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of September, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 348

AN ACT

To facilitate vehicular traffic across the Commonwealth by providing for the construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a connection with the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, at such point east of the Susquehanna River as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is most feasible and practicable, to a point on or near the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York, between the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers, and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, notes or other obligations of the Commonwealth, payable solely from revenues of the Commission, including tolls, or from such funds as may be available to the