

natural life, or to pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and undergo imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor for any term of years.

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

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 416

AN ACT

To add section 2409.1 to the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by providing for purchases of blind-made products and services.

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

Section 1. Article XXIV of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers;

"The Administrative Code of 1929."

Article XXIV, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended by adding, after section 2409 thereof, a new section numbered 2409.1.

providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," is hereby amended by adding, after section 2409 thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Section 2409.1. Blind-Made Products and Services.—

(a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this act, blind-made products and services shall be purchased by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) The Secretary of Property and Supplies shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to determine the fair market price on all brooms and mops and other suitable products manufactured by the blind and services rendered by the blind and offered for sale to the Commonwealth or any of its agencies by any charitable non-profit-making agency for the blind, incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth, and manufacturing merchandise and providing services within this Commonwealth, and approved for such purpose by the Department of Property and Supplies, to revise such prices from time to time, in accordance with changing market conditions, and to make such rules and regulations regarding specifications, time of delivery and other relevant matters as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. At the request of the Secretary of Property and Supplies and with the approval of the Secretary of Welfare, the State Council for the Blind or other non-profit-making agency shall facilitate the distribution of orders and services among agencies for the blind.

(c) Except as hereinafter provided, all brooms, mops and other suitable products and services, hereafter procured by or for the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, shall be procured, in accordance with applicable specifications of the Department of Property and Supplies, from charitable non-profit-making agencies for the blind, organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, and manufacturing such products and offering services within this Commonwealth, with the approval of the Department of Property and Supplies, whenever such products and services are available at a price determined to be the fair market price for the product, products or services so manufactured or offered, as hereinbefore provided.

(d) In the event brooms, mops and other suitable products or services are available for procurement from any

department or agency of the Commonwealth, and procurement therefrom is required by the provisions of any other section of this act or of any other law of this Commonwealth, procurement of such products shall be made in accordance with such other provisions of law.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 417

AN ACT

To amend section three hundred nine of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by defining imprisonment, making the crime of prison breach a felony and fixing the penalty therefor.

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

Section 1. Section three hundred nine of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 309. Prison Breach.—[Whoever, being charged with an indictable offense, breaks prison, or escapes, or shall break prison, although no escape is actually made, is guilty of prison breach, a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment, by separate and solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding two (2) years, if the charge on which such person stood committed was an offense punishable, on conviction, by imprisonment by separate and solitary confinement at labor; or to imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, if such charge was an offense punishable, on conviction, by simple imprisonment without labor.

Whoever, being imprisoned after conviction, of an offense other than murder in the first degree, or where the sentence is imprisonment for life, breaks prison, although no escape is actually made by him, is guilty of prison breach, a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment, to commence from the expiration of his original sentence, of the like nature, and for a period of time not exceeding the original sentence, by virtue of which he was imprisoned.

"The Penal Code."

Section 309, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended.