

provide such services for themselves or their dependents at their own cost without depriving themselves or their dependents of such necessities of life as food, clothing and shelter and provide persons of over-income with the limited dental service benefits hereinbefore set forth. At the same time, it is the purpose and intent of this act and the policy of the Legislature to maintain the standing and promote the progress of the science and art of dental surgery in this State. The courts of this State are hereby directed to construe this act liberally in order to *accomplish those ends.

The provisions of this act shall be severable and, if any provision of this act is declared unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the act and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provision not been included therein.

Section 20. **Effective Date.**—This act shall take effect immediately. Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 240

AN ACT

Authorizing the commitment to the Department of Public Welfare in any city of the first class persons convicted of crimes and sentences by courts situate within such city to a city or county penal institution, where such Department has established a correctional, diagnostic and classification service, and authorizing the transfer of prisoners between such institutions by the Department.

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

Section 1. Every person hereafter sentenced by any court to any city or county penal institution situate in a city of the first class, shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Public Welfare of such city, where such Department has established a correctional, diagnostic and classification service for persons convicted of any crime.

In a city of the first class, persons sentenced by a court to be committed to the Department of Public Welfare of the city wherein there is a correctional, diagnostic and classification service.

Section 2. Every person committed to the custody of such Department of Public Welfare shall be confined, diagnosed and classified by the said Department. Upon the completion of such diagnosis and classification, such person shall be placed in the city or county penal insti-

Such persons upon diagnosis and classification to be placed in appropriate city or county penal institution.

*accomplish in original.

tution determined to be most appropriate for the service of sentence. In making such determination, the Department shall consider the problem of rehabilitation, security, adequacy of facilities and such other factors as, in its opinion, will serve to promote the rehabilitation of prisoners, consistent with the security and protection of the county.

Department authorized to transfer prisoners between penal institutions.

Section 3. The Department shall have authority to transfer between any penal institutions under its control or supervision, any prisoner confined in any such institution and serving a sentence therein, whether imposed before or after the effective date of this act, if such transfer is, in the opinion of the Department, consistent with the standards for original placement set forth in section two.

General repeal.

Section 4. All other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 241

AN ACT

Authorizing and empowering the Delaware River Port Authority to finance, construct, erect, acquire, operate, maintain and own a new toll bridge for vehicular traffic across the Delaware River between Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, and Burlington County or Camden County, New Jersey, at a location to be selected by the said Delaware River Port Authority, between a point or points within a three-mile radius of the intersection of State Road and Levick Street in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a point or points within a three-mile radius of the intersection of New Jersey State Route No. 73, Market Street and Temple Boulevard in the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey, together with such approaches thereto and such highway connections as may be necessary or desirable, and granting and defining and continuing certain powers of eminent domain and other functions, powers, duties and privileges; all of said actions to be taken pursuant to and in accordance with this act and the Compact or Agreement and amendments or supplements thereto between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, dated July one, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, August twenty-three, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, and August thirty, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, and the consent by the Congress of the United States thereto.

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

The Delaware River Port Authority.

Section 1. The Delaware River Port Authority (hereinafter sometimes called the "Authority"), after