

and four hundred copies of the index shall be printed. Fifty copies of the complete unbound appendix shall be furnished and delivered by the printer to the Senate, fifty copies to the House of Representatives, and fifty copies to the Legislative Reference Bureau. Four hundred copies each of the appendix and index shall be retained by the printer of the Legislative Journal and bound by him, together with a like number of each copy of the Legislative Journal, as hereinafter provided, and be delivered by him to the Division of Distribution of Documents, and be subject to requisition as herein provided.

Printing and distribution of appendix and index.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 432

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, to acquire a tract of land in or near White Haven, Foster Township, Luzerne County, for the use of the Department of Welfare in the treatment of mentally retarded children; and making an appropriation.

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

Real and personal property.

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to purchase, in the name of the Commonwealth, a certain tract of land from The Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, a Pennsylvania corporation, in or near White Haven, Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, with the improvements thereon, formerly known as "White Haven Sanatorium," covering approximately 278 acres, and including such personal property on said premises as shall be agreed upon by The Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and the Department of Welfare.

Department of Property and Supplies authorized to acquire certain land in or near White Haven, Foster Township, Luzerne County, together with personal property subject to future agreement.

Section 2. Said tract of land, improvements and personal property, when purchased, shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Welfare and utilized in its treatment of mentally retarded children. The deed of conveyance shall be deposited with the Secretary of Internal Affairs. Said land shall not be acquired until the title thereto has been approved by the Department of Justice.

Department of Welfare to have jurisdiction.

Section 3. The sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department

Deed to be deposited with Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Title to be approved by Department of Justice.

Appropriation.

of Property and Supplies for the payment of the purchase price of the land, buildings and personal property and expenses incidental thereto.

Act effective immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 3rd day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 433

### AN ACT

Amending the act of June twelve, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), 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," permitting the indictment of persons while committed and validating indictments heretofore returned.

The Mental Health Act of 1951.

Section 347, act of June 12, 1951, P. L. 533, amended January 14, 1952, P. L. 2053, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section three hundred forty-seven, act of June twelve, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 533), known as "The Mental Health Act of 1951," amended January fourteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2053) is amended to read:

Section 347. Effect of Commitment on Pending Criminal Proceedings.—

If any person is committed while awaiting indictment or trial, or has been arraigned or is being tried, proceedings *other than indictments* against him shall be stayed until his recovery or sufficient improvement of condition. Upon his recovery or sufficient improvement of condition, if he was previously confined in a penal or correctional institution, he shall be returned upon proper order of the court to the penal or correctional institution from which he was transferred, for the disposition of the charges against him. If he was committed before trial, he shall be returned to the court having jurisdiction of him, for trial or such other disposition of such charges as the court may make.

Section 2. All indictments heretofore returned during the time a person was committed to an institution, as defined in "The Mental Health Act of 1951," are hereby validated.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of April, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER