

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.

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