

debtedness, and the creation of a sinking fund to redeem the same, defining and punishing certain offences in all of said cities, and providing for the incorporation and government of cities of the third class," is repealed.

APPROVED—The 14th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 525

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2051), entitled "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund, and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance, and the State Emergency Relief Board," including financial assistance for nursing home care within the word assistance, and making an appropriation.

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

Public Assistance Law.

Section 1. Section two, act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended August twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1361), is amended to read:

Section 2, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2051, amended August 22, 1953, P. L. 1361, further amended.

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated,

"Assistance" means assistance in money, goods, shelter, medical care, work relief or services, provided from or with State or Federal funds, for indigent persons who reside in Pennsylvania and need assistance to provide for themselves and their dependents a decent and healthful standard of living, and for indigent homeless or transient persons. The word, assistance, shall be construed to include pensions for those blind persons who are entitled to pensions, as provided in this act, and to include also burial for those indigent persons who were receiving assistance at the time of their death. *The word, assistance, shall also be construed to include sufficient financial assistance to enable physically disabled persons who require nursing*

home care, as prescribed by responsible physicians, to secure adequate nursing home care even though the rate of such assistance may be greater than the usual rate of assistance to persons who do not need nursing home care.

“General Assistance” means assistance provided to persons entitled under this act to assistance, other than dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and disabled persons.

“Local Board” means any county board of assistance, established under the provisions of this act.

The masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

Appropriation.

Section 2. The sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public Assistance, for the purpose of providing adequate *nursing home care, in accordance with the provisions of the act to which this is an amendment, from March 1, 1956.

APPROVED—The 15th day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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No. 526

AN ACT

Amending the act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 300), entitled “An act authorizing counties of the second and fourth classes to establish fire training schools for the paid and volunteer firemen of municipalities within the county,” extending provisions of the act to certain counties, and limiting the amount counties may expend on training schools in certain cases.

Certain class counties.

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

Title and section 1, act of May 16, 1951, P. L. 300, amended.

Section 1. The title and section one, act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 300), entitled “An act authorizing counties of the second and fourth classes to establish fire training schools for the paid and volunteer firemen of municipalities within the county,” are amended to read:

An Act

Title.

Authorizing *certain* counties [of the second and fourth classes] to establish fire training schools for the paid and volunteer firemen of municipalities within the county.

* “home nursing” in original.