violator to stop, cease and desist, made by the zoning officer in the enforcement of this article or of any ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.

- (2) To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance upon which such board is required to pass under such ordinance.
- (3) To authorize, upon appeal, in specific cases such variance from the terms of the ordinance as will not be contrary to public interest, where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done.

In exercising the above mentioned powers, such board may, in conformity with the provisions of this article, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify, the order, requirement, decision or determination, including any order requiring an alleged violator to stop, cease and desist, appealed from, and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination including a stop order or orders to cease and desist as ought to be made. Notice of such decision shall forthwith be given to all parties in interest.

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Approved—The 1st day of June, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 678

AN ACT

Amending the act of April nine, 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," providing for the establishment by the Department of Property and Supplies of standards for the design, construction, repair, alteration. equipping and furnishing of buildings, owned or to be constructed or subsidized by or for the Commonwealth, and the material used therein; repealing inconsistent legislation; directing the Department of Property and Supplies to make a report to the next General Assembly; and making an appropriation.

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

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 1. The act of April nine, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding, after section 2403, a new section to read:

Act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, amended by adding a new section 2403.1.

Section 2403.1. Specifications for Buildings, Furnishings, Equipment and Materials.—The Department of Property and Supplies shall—

- (a) In consultation with the Joint State Government Commission, formulate and establish standards for construction, details, typical room design, materials, utilities, furnishings and equipment for all buildings, owned or to be constructed or subsidized by or for the Commonwealth, and used by any administrative department, independent administrative board or commission, or departmental administrative board or commission or institution, agency or project, subsidized by the Commonwealth, and establish minimum specifications and standards for all materials used in the construction of any new buildings or in the alteration, repair or reconstruction of any existing building. All standards shall be prepared as to achieve, as nearly as possible, uniformity of construction, details, typical room design and materials, among all buildings and shall be subject to review by the Joint State Government Commission.
- (b) Consult with and ascertain the needs and requirements of other departments, boards or commissions. in the formulation and establishment of such standards, and report such needs and requirements to the Joint State Government Commission.
- (c) Employ capable registered architects and engineers, technical specialists and clerical personnel as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Sections 507, 508, 2403, 2409, 2411, 2413 Repeal. and 2414 of the act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Section 3. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars Appropriation. (\$100,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies for the payment of salaries, wages or other compensation

of employes and specialists, the payment of general expenses, supplies, printing and equipment, and all other expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Report of Department of Property and Supplies required by General Assembly. Section 4. The Department of Property and Supplies shall make a report to the next General Assembly, detailing the progress and scope of the work then accomplished and the degree of success it has attained in carrying out the provisions of this act.

APPROVED-The 1st day of June, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER