

No. 497

AN ACT

Providing for the annual registration of organized camps for children, youth and adults; defining the duties of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and prescribing penalties.

Camps organized
for children and
adults.

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

Section 1. Definition.—As used in this act, “organized camp” means a program and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience for children, youth and adults, with social, recreational and educational objectives, and which is operated and used for five or more consecutive days during one or more seasons of the year. The term “organized camp” does not mean establishments commonly known as tourist camps, motels, trailer parks, lumber camps, construction camps, labor camps, penal camps and hunting camps.

Section 2. Registration; Fees and Terms.—(a) No person, organization or political subdivision shall conduct, control, manage or operate any camp for children, youth or adults in Pennsylvania without first registering the camp with the Department of Health.

(b) The registration fee shall be ten dollars (\$10), annually. Only one registration shall be required of persons, organizations or political subdivisions, which operate more than one organized camp in this Commonwealth.

(c) All fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the State Treasury.

Section 3. Department of Health; Powers and Duties.—The Department of Health shall—

(1) Provide application blanks requiring the necessary information about organized camps, annually;

(2) Issue Certificates of Registration to persons, organizations or political subdivisions, identifying specifically the camps registered and showing the date of expiration of the period of registration;

(3) Make available to other Departments or agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, current lists of camps, their owners, location and other pertinent information by counties or otherwise, as may be desired by each department or agency, to facilitate the activities of such departments or agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for enforcing the laws or regulations now in effect or hereinafter enacted or promulgated relating to organized camps; and

(4) Maintain, publish and distribute, annually, to the public other pertinent information by counties.

Section 4. Unlawful Acts and Penalties Therefor.—

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization or political subdivision to conduct, control, manage or operate any organized camp in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, unless the camp is registered with the Department of Health for the year during which it is being operated, managed, controlled or conducted.

(b) Any person, organization or political subdivision, who, being the owner, operator or manager of an organized camp in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, violates any of the provisions of this act, shall, upon summary conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or undergo imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1959.

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No. 498

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 22, 1907 (P. L. 31), entitled "An act to provide for the assignment of counsel in murder cases, and for the allowance of expenses and compensation in such cases," providing for the appointment of special investigators.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of March 22, 1907 (P. L. 31), entitled "An act to provide for the assignment of counsel in murder cases, and for the allowance of expenses and compensation in such cases," amended April 6, 1949 (P. L. 406), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any person, being under indictment, charged with murder, shall make and file with the clerk of the court of quarter sessions an affidavit, setting forth that he or she is wholly destitute of means to employ counsel and prepare for his or her defense, the judge sitting in the court of oyer and terminer, to whom such affidavit is presented, shall assign to such person counsel, not exceeding two, to represent and defend such person at the trial of the case. [and when] *Such *appointed counsel may petition the court, after their appointment and their examination of the matters at issue, to secure a rule to show cause*

Murder cases.

Section 1, act of March 22, 1907. P. L. 31, amended April 6, 1949, P. L. 406, further amended.

Assignment of counsel to destitute person.

* "appointment" in original.