

No. 649

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," providing for levying, assessment and collection of taxes by certain independent school districts.

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

Taxation.

Section 1. Section 1, act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 1145), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class and school districts of the fourth class to levy, assess, and collect or to provide for the levying, assessment and collection of certain additional taxes subject to maximum limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation of officers and employes to assess and collect such taxes; and permitting penalties to be imposed and enforced; providing an appeal from the ordinance or resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court," is amended by adding, after subsection A, a new subsection to read:

Section 1, act of June 25, 1947, P. L. 1145, amended by adding a new subsection A1.

Section 1. A. Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions Thereon.—

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A1. The board of school directors of all independent school districts in which the board members are elected or appointed by court may levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes as herein authorized, at the same time and in the same manner as other school districts of the same class to which such independent district belongs. The aggregate amount of all taxes imposed by any independent school district under this section during any fiscal year

shall not exceed an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying the latest total valuation of real estate in such district by fifteen (15) mills.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 650

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P. L. 566), entitled "An act defining the liability of an employer to pay damages for occupational disease contracted by an employe arising out of and in the course of employment; establishing an elective schedule of compensation; providing procedure for the determination of liability and compensation thereunder; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Workmen's Compensation Referees, and deans of medical schools; creating a medical board to determine controverted medical issues; establishing an Occupational Disease Fund in custody of the State Workmen's Insurance Board; imposing upon the Commonwealth a part of the compensation payable for certain occupational diseases; making an appropriation; and prescribing penalties," including certain diseases of fire-fighters within the meaning of the term occupational disease,

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

The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act.

Section 108, act of June 21, 1939, P. L. 566, amended by adding a new clause (o).

Section 1. Section 108, act of June 21, 1939 (P. L. 566), known as "The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act," is amended by adding, after clause (n) thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 108. The term "occupational disease," as used in this act, shall mean only the following diseases:

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Heart and lung diseases causing temporary or permanent disability.

(o) *Diseases of the heart and lungs, resulting in either temporary or permanent total disability or death, after four years or more of service in the full time salaried occupation of fire fighting for the benefit or safety of the public, caused by extreme over-exertion in times of stress or danger or by exposure to heat, smoke, fumes or gases, arising directly out of the employment of any such firemen.*

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE