portion thereof, taken or appropriated for a public park or for public use, [to the person or corporation which owned said property at the time it was condemned by the city] at public auction upon sealed bids or at private sale with approval of the court of common pleas: Provided, however, That city council shall first determine, by ordinance or resolution, that the property is no longer needed or required for park purposes or for public use: And provided further, That before any such sale is made council shall advertise said proposed sale twice in at least one newspaper of general circulation printed in such city.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

## No. 542

## AN ACT

Limiting the use of appropriations for hospital or institutional care or training in certain cases.

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

Section 1. No part of the appropriations made by "The General Appropriation Act of 1961" shall be used to pay for hospital or institutional care or training at rates in excess of those charged to the general public for the same care and services: Provided, however, That a hospital may not be paid at a rate per day for inpatient care or a rate per visit for outpatient care greater than the hospital's average cost for each class of care as determined annually by the Auditor General on the basis of certified fiscal reports submitted by the hospitals and approved by the Auditor General.

APPROVED-The 2nd day of September, A. D. 1961.

## DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 543

## AN ACT

Amending the act of July 7, 1955 (P. L. 258), entitled "An act providing for anthracite mine drainage, contingent on Federal aid, and making an appropriation," removing certain restrictions.

Limitations on use of "The General Appropriation Act of 1961."

Charges by hospitals or institutions for care or training not to exceed charges to general public.

Act effective immediately.