Section 13. Competition in Award of Contracts.—If any project or any portion thereof or any improvement thereof shall be constructed, equipped or furnished pursuant to a contract and the estimated cost thereof exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500.00), such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, after advertisement for bids. The Authority may make rules and regulations for the submission of bids and the construction, equipping, furnishing or improvement of any project or portion thereof. Such rules and regulations may provide for the submission of bids to the Department of Highways as agent for the Authority, as provided in section five of this act. No contract shall be entered into for construction, equipping, furnishing or improvement of any project or portion thereof, or for the purchase of materials, unless the contractor shall give an undertaking with a sufficient surety or sureties approved by the Authority, and in an amount fixed by the Authority, for the faithful performance of the contract; and such contracts shall also be accompanied by an additional bond for the protection of those who furnish labor and material, in such amount and subject to the same terms and conditions as required by the State Highway Law on contracts for the construction of State highways. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the power of the Authority to construct any project or portion thereof, or any addition, betterment or extension thereto, directly by the officers, agents and employes of the Authority, or [otherwise than by contract] by agreement with the Federal or State government, or any agency or department, or either thereof.

Subject to the aforesaid, the Authority may (but without intending by this provision to limit any powers of such authority) enter into and carry out such contracts, or establish or comply with such rules and regulations concerning labor and materials and other related matters in connection with any project or portion thereof, as the Authority may deem desirable or as may be requested by any Federal agency that may assist in the financing of such project or any part thereof.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 2d day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 259

AN ACT

Amending the act of September 23, 1961 (P. L. 1622), entitled "An act amending the act of March 31, 1949 (P. L. 372), entitled 'An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth;

creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act,' prohibiting the undertaking of certain projects, increasing the powers and the borrowing capacity of the Authority, and allocating the proceeds of such increased borrowing capacity," empowering the Department of Property and Supplies to sublease a certain project.

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

The General State Authority Act.

Subsection D, subdivision II, section 2, act of September 23, 1961, P. L. 1622, amending act of March 31, 1949, P. L. 372, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection D of subdivision II of section 2, act of September 23, 1961 (P. L. 1622), entitled "An act amending the act of March 31, 1949 (P. L. 372), entitled 'An act to promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The General State Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to construct, improve, equip, furnish, and operate projects, and to lease the same, and to fix fees, rentals, and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds for said Authority, and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; and to enter into agreements with the Government of the United States or any Federal agency; and authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to grant, assign, convey, or lease to the Authority lands of the Commonwealth and interests therein and to acquire lands therefor; granting the right of eminent domain; empowering The General State Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act,' prohibiting the undertaking of certain projects, increasing the powers and the borrowing capacity of the Authority, and allocating the proceeds of such increased borrowing capacity," is amended to read:

Section 2. The proceeds of this increased borrowing capacity shall be allocated approximately in the following manner:

Allocation of funds.

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II. Department of Forests and Waters . \$33,389,102

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D. Port Development, (\$8,648,204):

(1) Construction of Packer Avenue Marine Terminal, Philadelphia ... When such project is leased by the Authority to the department, the department shall have the power and authority, with the approval of the Governor, to sublease such project to a city of the first class upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed to.

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(2) Construction of Port Develop-

1,245,482

7,402,722

ment, Erie,

Approved—The 2d day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 260

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second class; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating reinstatement and requirements for credit for previous service of certain reemployed persons.

Second Class County Code. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1715, act of July 28, 1953, P. L. 723, amended December 28, 1959, P. L. 2024, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1715, act of July 28, 1953 (P. L. 723), known as the "Second Class County Code," amended December 28, 1959 (P. L. 2024), is amended to read:

Section 1715. Reinstatement and Requirements for Credit for Previous Service.—(a) No county employe shall be permitted to withdraw his or her contributions as paid into the retirement fund upon transfer from one office, department or agency to another. Any person who has ceased to be a county employe and whose contributions as paid into the retirement fund, have been refunded by the board, if such person has been reemployed by the county or county institution district prior to the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, and desires to be given credit for previous service as a county employe, he or she shall, on or prior to August 31, [1960] 1964, make payment in full of the amount refunded, with interest at the legal rate, the