

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," changing powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare relating to mental health and institutions for mental patients.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

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

Sections 2308 and 2309, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, repealed.

Section 1. Sections 2308 and 2309, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," are repealed.

Clause (a), section 2313 of act, amended December 14, 1955, P. L. 853, further amended.

Section 2. Clause (a) of section 2313 of the act, amended December 14, 1955 (P. L. 853), is amended to read:

Section 2313. Mental Health.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power and its duty shall be:

(a) To administer and enforce the laws of this Commonwealth relative to [the] *mental health, the care, prevention, [of mental diseases] early recognition and treatment of mental illness, mental [defect] defects, epilepsy, and inebriety, the licensing and regulation of institutions for the mentally ill, mentally defective and epileptic*, the admission and commitment of [mental] patients to [hospitals for mental diseases and] *such* institutions [for mental defectives and epilepsy,] and the transfer, discharge, escape, interstate rendition, and deportation of [mental] *such* patients.

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APPROVED—The 7th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 295

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to assessment for taxation in counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for county, borough, town, township, school, except in cities and county institution district purposes; and providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation thereof for such purposes; creating in each such county a board for the assessment and revision of taxes; defining the powers and duties of such boards; providing for the acceptance of this act by cities; regulating the office of ward, borough, town and township assessors; abolishing the office of assistant triennial

assessor in townships of the first class; providing for the appointment of a chief assessor, assistant assessors and other employes; providing for their compensation payable by such counties; prescribing certain duties of and certain fees to be collected by the recorder of deeds and municipal officers who issue building permits; imposing duties on taxables making improvements on land and grantees of land; prescribing penalties and eliminating the triennial assessment," clarifying the provisions exempting property of associations and institutions of benevolence and charity from taxation.

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

The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law.

Section 1. Clause (3) of subsection (a) of section 202, act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 571), known as "The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law," amended August 11, 1959 (P. L. 668), is amended to read:

Clause (3), subsection (a), section 202, act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 571, amended August 11, 1959, P. L. 668, further amended.

Section 202. Exemptions from Taxation.—(a) The following property shall be exempt from all county, borough, town, township, road, poor, county institution district and school (except in cities) tax, to wit:

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(3) All hospitals, universities, colleges, seminaries, academies, associations and institutions of learning, benevolence or charity, including fire and rescue stations, with the grounds thereto annexed and necessary for the occupancy and enjoyment of the same, founded, endowed and maintained by public or private charity: Provided, That the entire revenue derived by the same be applied to the support and to increase the efficiency and facilities thereof, the repair and the necessary increase of grounds and buildings thereof, and for no other purpose: *Provided further, That the property of associations and institutions of benevolence or charity be necessary to and actually used for the principal purposes of the institution and shall not be used in such a manner as to compete with commercial enterprise.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 7th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 296

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 343), entitled "An act relating to the finances of the State government; providing for the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,