

*The amount due the Commonwealth may be deducted from any Commonwealth funds otherwise payable to the county. All sums collected from the county under this section, in whatever manner such collections are made, shall be paid into the State treasury and shall be credited to the current appropriation to the department for child welfare.*

*(b) To relinquish the administration of the child welfare program of the county institution district, or its successor, when the department is assured that the regulations of the department will be complied with thereafter and that the needs of children and youth will be adequately served.*

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1963.

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No. 492

### AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," requiring physicians and persons conducting, managing or in charge of hospitals and pharmacies to report to the police when persons with injuries inflicted in violation of the law come or are brought to them; imposing penalties for failure to make such reports; absolving persons who make such reports from civil or criminal liability; and eliminating the privilege against certain testimony.

The Penal Code.

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

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, amended by adding a new section 330.

Section 1. The act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," is amended by adding, after section 329, a new section to read:

*Section 330. (a) Failure to Report Injuries by Deadly Weapon or Criminal Act.—Any physician, including any licensed doctor of medicine, licensed osteopathic physician, intern or resident, or any person conducting, managing or in charge of any hospital or pharmacy, or in charge of any ward or part of a hospital, to whom shall come or be brought any person suffering from any wound or other injury inflicted by his own act or by the act of another by means of a knife, gun, pistol or other deadly weapon, or in any other case where injuries have been inflicted upon any person in violation of any penal law of this Commonwealth, shall report the same immediately, both by telephone and in writing, to the chief of police or other head of the police department of the city, borough, incorporated town or*

township, or to the Pennsylvania State Police. The report shall state the name of the injured person, if known, his whereabouts and the character and extent of his injuries.

(b) When the person who comes, or is brought to the physician, as herein defined, or to the person in charge of conducting or managing a pharmacy, or to the person in charge of any hospital or any ward or part of a hospital, is under the age of eighteen (18) years, the report shall be made to the presiding judge of the Juvenile Court or the Community Child Protective Service where such court or service exists. When there is no such court or service, the report shall be made to the police in the same manner as required for injuries to those eighteen (18) years of age or older, as hereinbefore set forth.

Any physician or other person who wilfully fails to make the report required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or to undergo imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both.

No physician or other person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability by reason of making a report required by this section.

In any judicial proceeding resulting from a report pursuant to this act, the physician-patient privilege shall not apply in respect to evidence regarding such injuries or the cause thereof.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1963.

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No. 493

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 682), entitled "An act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulations and supervision of insurance carried by such companies, associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," permitting stock insurance companies to issue stock having a par value of not less than one dollar per share, permitting stock to be issued at not less than par, further defining profits for purposes of declaring and paying dividends, and clarifying certain other provisions relating to capital stock, capital and paid in surplus.