

the creation, establishment and administration of single-county or joint-county departments of health in all counties; exempting certain municipalities from the jurisdiction of single-county or joint-county departments of health; permitting the dissolution of departments or boards of health in certain municipalities; authorizing State grants to counties which establish departments of health and to certain municipalities if they meet prescribed requirements; conferring powers and duties upon the State Department of Health in connection with the creation, establishment and administration of single-county or joint-county departments of health and administration of the health laws in parts of certain municipalities not subject to the jurisdiction of single-county or joint-county departments of health, and the administration of State grants; and repealing an act which confers health powers upon counties of the first class," giving jurisdiction over violations of this act or of rules and regulations of a county department of health to police magistrates of cities of the second class.

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

Section 1. Section 27, act of August 24, 1951 (P. L. 1304), known as the "Local Health Administration Law," is amended to read:

Section 27. Penalties.—Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation of the county department of health, or who interferes with a health director or any other agent of a county department of health in the discharge of his official duties, shall, for every such offense, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any alderman or justice of the peace of the county wherein said offense was committed, or before any police magistrate if such offense be committed in a city of the second class, be sentenced

to pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to be paid to the use of said county, together with costs, or to be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court. All prosecutions shall be brought in the name of the county wherein the alleged offense is committed.

Fines and penalties recovered under this section shall be in addition to any costs recovered for the abatement of nuisances under section 12 (d) of this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of August, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 67

AN ACT

HB 1415

Amending the act of June 16, 1891 (P. L. 303), entitled "An act relating to and defining the powers and duties of police magistrates in cities of the second class," giving jurisdiction to police magistrates over violations of laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to housing and health administered and enforced by a county department of health where said violations take place within a city of the second class.

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

Section 1. Section 4, act of June 16, 1891 (P. L. 303), entitled "An act relating to and defining the powers and duties of police magistrates in cities of the second class," is amended to read:

Section 4. The said police magistrates shall likewise have full and complete jurisdiction of suits for the recovery of fines and penalties imposed by any and all ordinances of the city in which they reside and are appointed, or by any and all ordinances and regulations relating to housing and health administered and enforced by a county health department where a violation takes place in such city, and of all cases of summary conviction arising under the laws and ordinances of or applicable to such city and under the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relating to housing and health administered and enforced by a county department of health where a violation takes place in such city, with full power to hear the said cases, administer oaths or affirmations therein, decide the same, enforce the penalty, collect the fine or commit to prison as the case may be according to the provisions of the law and ordinances applicable thereto.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of August, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 68

AN ACT

HB 1416

Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (P. L. 1534), entitled "An act providing for the suspension of the duty to pay rent for dwellings certified to be unfit for human habitation in cities of the first class and cities of the second class and second class A and providing for the withholding and disposition of shelter allowances," reducing the time for which rent may be held in escrow, and further regulating uses of moneys deposited in escrow.

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

Section 1. Section 1, act of January 24, 1966 (P. L. 1534), entitled "An act providing for the suspension of the duty to pay rent for dwellings certified to be unfit for human habitation in cities of the first class and cities of the second class and second class A and pro-