

parts of any or all bids, whenever, in the opinion of the board, such rejection is necessary for the protection of the interest of the authority. In every such case, a record shall be made, setting forth the reason for such rejection which record shall thereafter be kept on file.

(i) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this section 12.

(j) The authority shall have the power to accept the assignment from any local transportation organization of all or any interest in any lawfully made contract for the procurement and purchase of any asset deemed necessary or desirable by the authority in connection with any project.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 284

AN ACT

HB 2348

Relating to settlements and advance payments made for personal injuries or property damage.

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

Section 1. Settlement with or any payment made to an injured person or to others on behalf of such injured person with the permission of such injured person or to anyone entitled to recover damages on account of injury or death of such person shall not constitute an admission of liability by the person making the payment or on whose behalf the payment was made, unless the parties to such settlement or payment agree to the contrary.

Section 2. Settlement with or any payment made to a person or on his behalf to others for damages to or destruction of property shall not constitute an admission of liability by the person making the payment or on whose behalf the payment was made, unless the parties to such settlement or payment agree to the contrary.

Section 3. Except in an action in which final settlement and release has been pleaded as a complete defense, any settlement or payment referred to in sections 1 and 2 shall be inadmissible in evidence on the trial of any legal action.

Section 4. All settlements and payments by or on behalf of the person making payment under sections 1 and 2 shall be credited to the person making the same against any final settlement or

judgment against such person: Provided, however, That this act shall not be construed in such a manner as to change, alter or amend the effect of the act of July 19, 1951 (P. L. 1130), known as the "Uniform Contribution Among Tortfeasors Act."

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 285

AN ACT

HB 2339

Amending the act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," providing for jurisdiction in shoplifting cases.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 816.1, act of June 24, 1939 (P. L. 872), known as "The Penal Code," amended November 30, 1967 (P. L. 663) is amended to read:

Section 816.1. Shoplifting.—(a) Whoever shall wilfully take possession of any goods, wares or merchandise offered for sale by any store or other mercantile establishment, with the intention of converting the same to his own use without paying the purchase price thereof, shall be guilty of shoplifting, and, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or to undergo imprisonment of not less than five (5) days and not more than ninety (90) days, or both. A charge of shoplifting shall be brought before a magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace in the city, borough, town or township in which the offense was committed; however, if there is no duly elected or appointed magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace in the city, borough, town or township in which the offense was committed, then a charge of shoplifting shall be brought before a magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace in an adjacent city, borough, town or township within the same county. Any fine imposed in a summary proceeding pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be decreed to be paid to the city, borough, town or town-