

No. 117

AN ACT

HB 779

Amending the act of August 20, 1953 (P. L. 1212), entitled "An act providing for the study of the problems of alcoholism; the treatment, commitment, rehabilitation and protection of persons addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts and the Department of Health; and making an appropriation," establishing a program and changing the requirements for the Director.

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

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2, act of August 20, 1953 (P. L. 1212), entitled "An act providing for the study of the problems of alcoholism; the treatment, commitment, rehabilitation and protection of persons addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts and the Department of Health; and making an appropriation," are amended to read:

Section 1. Duty of the Department of Health.—The Department of Health is hereby authorized and required to establish a [Division] *Program* of Alcoholic Studies and Rehabilitation, hereinafter referred to as the ["Division"] "*Program*," to (1) study the problems of alcoholism, (2) treat and rehabilitate persons addicted to excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and (3) promote preventive and educational programs designed to eliminate alcoholism.

Section 2. Appointment of Director.—The Secretary of Health [with the approval of the Governor,] shall appoint a Director of the [Division] *Program*, hereinafter referred to as the "Director." The Director shall [be a duly licensed physician of the Commonwealth, and shall] have knowledge of the problems of alcoholism, treatment and rehabilitation of persons addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages, and the promotion of preventive and educational programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of October, A. D. 1969.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 117.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.