

No. 81

AN ACT

HB 1740

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," conferring powers upon counties relating to hospitals.

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

Section 1. Article XXI, act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323), known as "The County Code," is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

ARTICLE XXI
PUBLIC HEALTH

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(h) General Hospitals

Section 2199.5. Establishment; Creation of Municipal Authorities.—The board of commissioners of any county may acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain and operate, own and lease, either in the capacity of lessor or lessee, general hospitals within the county for the use, benefit, health, comfort, safety and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth and appropriate moneys from the county treasury for such purposes, or may create a municipal authority pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945 and appropriate moneys to such authority for any of such purposes.

Section 2199.6. Expenses.—All expenses incident to the maintenance and operation of any hospital under the provisions of this subdivision (h) including any lease rentals payable by the county to a municipal authority shall be paid by the county out of county funds.

Section 2199.7. Administration of Hospitals.—Any hospitals owned by or leased to the county under this subdivision (h) may be operated by and under the authority of the county commissioners of the county in the same manner that other county buildings and institutions are operated or may be subleased to the governing body of any general hospital within the county for operation by such governing body.

Section 2199.8. Use of Hospital.—Every hospital owned by or leased to the county under the provisions of this subdivision (h) shall be used for the benefit of all inhabitants resident within the county in which the hospital is located, and all such persons shall be entitled to occupance, nursing, care, treatment and maintenance according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the county commissioners. The county commissioners may exclude from the use of the hospital any person who wilfully violates any rule or regulation adopted for the hospital by said

county commissioners. The county commissioners may charge and collect from persons admitted to the hospital or persons legally responsible for their maintenance, reasonable compensation for the care, treatment and maintenance of such persons.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of May, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 81.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.