

No. 2000-122

AN ACT

HB 2014

Amending the act of July 22, 1913 (P.L.912, No.437), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escaping convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the maintenance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," further providing for maintenance of escaping convicts under new sentence; providing for criminal offense during confinement; and making a repeal.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of the act of July 22, 1913 (P.L.912, No.437), entitled "An act providing for the payment of the costs incurred in the trial of convicts and prisoners escaping, or attempting to escape, from the several penitentiaries and reformatories of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the respective counties from whose courts the said escaping convicts or prisoners have been committed; and providing for the maintenance of such convicts under sentence for escape, et cetera," is amended to read:

Section 3. *Maintenance of escaping convicts under new sentence.*

(a) *County jurisdiction.*—In case of conviction and sentence of said escaping convicts and prisoners, *under the jurisdiction of the county*, the costs of maintenance of said convicts, and prisoners, under such new sentence, shall be borne by the county from which said convict or prisoner shall have been originally committed.

(b) *State jurisdiction.*—*In case of conviction and sentence of said escaping convicts and prisoners, under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, the costs of maintenance of said convicts and prisoners, under such new sentence, shall be borne by the Commonwealth.*

(c) *Additional police expenses.*—*Any additional police expenses incurred by a political subdivision as a result of the escape of a convict or prisoner, under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, shall be borne by the Commonwealth.*

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 4. *Criminal offense during confinement.*

Where a person is confined in a State penal or correctional institution either by virtue of his sentence pursuant to his conviction or plea of guilty to a criminal charge or by virtue of a commitment issued by any court of the Commonwealth having jurisdiction and while so confined any such person commits a criminal offense and is subsequently convicted or enters a plea of guilty thereto, the expenses of keeping such person in any State penal or correctional institution pursuant to such subsequent conviction or plea of guilty shall be borne by the Commonwealth.

Section 3. The act of May 17, 1957 (P.L.161, No.75), entitled "An act designating the counties responsible for the upkeep of certain convicts in penal or correctional institutions," is repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 20th day of December, A.D. 2000.

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