

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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ZITTERMAN, APRIL 25, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 25, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," requiring medical personnel
21 at correctional institutions and providing a penalty.

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

24 Section 1. Section 914, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
25 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," added July
26 29, 1953 (P.L.1429, No.408), is amended to read:

1 Section 914. Personnel.--The Commissioner of Correction
2 shall appoint such other deputies, wardens, superintendents,
3 experts, professional, technical and skilled personnel as may be
4 required for the proper administration of the penal and
5 correctional institutions within the jurisdiction of the
6 Department of Justice: Provided, however, That every staff shall
7 include a licensed physician and/or registered nurse at each
8 institution who shall be the only ones authorized to administer
9 medication and treatment.

10 The officers in charge of State penal and correctional
11 institutions, with the approval of the Commissioner of
12 Correction, shall appoint, assign and dismiss the personnel of
13 such institutions.

14 Section 2. Any person who is not a licensed physician and/or
15 registered nurse who in a penal or correctional institution
16 violates the provisions of this amendatory act shall be guilty
17 of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.