

WELFARE, AUTHORIZING FOOD CONTRACTS
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AN ACT

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Authorizing the Department of Welfare to enter into contracts for foodstuffs to supply State institutions, and to purchase the same in open market, and to process the same for preservation; providing for transfers from appropriations made to such institutions in payment therefor; authorizing dehydrating plants and equipment at State institutions and the use of inmate labor thereat; conferring power and imposing duties on the Department of Property and Supplies; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The Department of Welfare is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with farmers, fruit and vegetable growers and other food producers whereby such producers will grow for the department; and the department will buy, when grown, any items of foodstuffs, including food, animals, dairy products, fruit and vegetables. Such agreements may be entered into during the duration of the war and six months thereafter, and may specify the quantity of such items to be bought or the acreage to be planted, the standards of acceptability and the price to be paid, which may be the market price at time of delivery.

Section 2. The department is hereby authorized to buy in the open market any items of food which the department has the facilities to can, dehydrate, store or otherwise process for preservation.

Section 3. Foodstuffs acquired under the provisions of this act shall be for the use of any State institution, whether or not under the supervision of the Department of Welfare, but shall not become a part of the stores inventory of any State institution, until assigned to such institution by the Department of Welfare. When so assigned, there shall be a transfer from the appropriation for such State institution to the credit of the appropriation made by this act. Requisition effecting such transfer shall be drawn by the department having supervision over such institution, and approved by the Governor.

Section 4. The Department of Welfare is hereby authorized, from the funds hereby appropriated, to purchase, install and erect dehydrating equipment at any State institution, and to provide engineering and supervision for such installation and construction, and with the approval and under the supervision of the Department of Property and Supplies, to construct and equip a building and house such dehydrating plant.

Section 5. For any of the purposes of this act, the Department of Welfare may require the superintendent or warden of any State institution to furnish inmate labor at such institution.

Section 6. The sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand

dollars (\$125,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Welfare for the purchase of cans, jars, canning and dehydrating supplies and equipment, the purchase of supplies and equipment for constructing storage facilities, the construction and installation of dehydrating and storage facilities, the construction and equipment of a building to house such dehydrating plant, the payment of labor costs and the purchase of foodstuffs, under the provisions of this act, in addition thereto, the amounts made available under the provisions of section three by credit to this appropriation are hereby appropriated for the same purposes.