

PRISONERS, CARE OF FAMILIES BY FIRST CLASS CITIES

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AN ACT

Authorizing cities of the first class to make appropriations for the support of destitute families of persons sentenced to imprisonment, and providing a system of control and administration for the distribution thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That cities of the first and second class may appropriate moneys for the maintenance and care of destitute families of persons sentenced in such city to imprisonment, whose families are, and were at the time of the conviction of such person, domiciled within such cities of the first and second class.

(1 amended Apr. 12, 1923, P.L.65, No.41)

Section 2. The councils of such cities of the first and second class shall designate a department of the city government to have the control and disbursement of any such appropriation, and may provide such employes, and fix their salaries, as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

(2 amended Apr. 12, 1923, P.L.65, No.41)

Section 3. The family of any person, sentenced in such city to imprisonment, which is in destitute circumstances, may apply for assistance to the department having the disbursement of the appropriation. Upon the receipt of any such application, the persons in charge of this work shall investigate the facts of the case, taking into account the number of dependents in each case, and shall either refuse or allow such assistance as may be considered necessary.

Section 4. In all cases where assistance is allowed to any family, the same shall be paid by the city treasurer, upon the warrant of the department having the control of such appropriation, countersigned by the controller.

Section 5. In all cases where assistance is allowed to any destitute family, the person making such allowance shall take into consideration any moneys which may come into the possession of such family under the provisions of an act, approved the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and twelve), entitled "An act to abolish the contract system in the prisons and reformatory institutions of the State of Pennsylvania, and to regulate the wages of the inmates;" and of an act, approved the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred and fifty-six), entitled "An act providing a system of employment and compensation for the inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary, Western Penitentiary, and Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, and for such other correctional institutions as shall be hereafter established by the Commonwealth, and making an appropriation therefor;" and of an act, approved the fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and twelve), entitled "An act authorizing and regulating the employment of convicts

and prisoners on the public highways."