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SENATOR TILGHMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS  
AMENDED, JUNE 5, 2000

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 1959 (P.L.510, No.137), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act relating to the public lands of the  
3 Commonwealth; defining such land; providing for the sale of  
4 vacant and unimproved public lands and the price to be paid  
5 therefor; providing for the conveyance of title to vacant and  
6 unappropriated public land to the Department of Forests and  
7 Waters for forest culture, forest reservation, or State park  
8 purposes; providing for the conveyance of title to all public  
9 lands for which applications have been made or warrants  
10 issued and to all persons having rights by settlement and  
11 improvement upon payment of the purchase price; providing for  
12 the release of liens for unpaid purchase price in certain  
13 cases; preventing the granting of title to lands and islands  
14 in the bed of navigable rivers and streams declared by law to  
15 be public highways except in certain cases; and prescribing  
16 the duties of the Department of Community Affairs with  
17 respect to the administration of the public lands and the  
18 records thereof, including surveys of county and Commonwealth  
19 boundaries and documents having to do with early titles,"  
20 expanding the scope of the act; further providing for a short  
21 title, for definitions, for administration, for warrant and  
22 patent applications, for application procedure, for  
23 administrative procedure, for application for patents, for  
24 appraisals, for expenses, for abandonment of applications and  
25 for issuance of patents; making editorial changes; and making  
26 repeals.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. The title of the act of July 9, 1959 (P.L.510,  
3 No.137), known as the Pennsylvania Public Lands Act, amended  
4 July 18, 1968 (P.L.424, No.196), is amended to read:

5 AN ACT

6 Relating to the public lands of the Commonwealth; defining such  
7 land; providing for the sale of vacant and unimproved public  
8 lands and the price to be paid therefor; providing for the  
9 conveyance of title to vacant and unappropriated public land  
10 to the Department of [Forests and Waters] CONSERVATION AND <—  
11 NATURAL RESOURCES for forest culture, forest reservation, or  
12 State park purposes; providing for the conveyance of title to  
13 all public lands for which applications have been made or  
14 warrants issued and to all persons having rights by  
15 settlement and improvement upon payment of the purchase  
16 price; providing for the release of liens for unpaid purchase  
17 price in certain cases; preventing the granting of title to  
18 lands and islands in the bed of navigable rivers and streams  
19 declared by law to be public highways except in certain  
20 cases; and prescribing the duties of the Department of  
21 [Community Affairs] Conservation and Natural Resources with  
22 respect to the administration of the public lands and the  
23 records thereof, including surveys of county and Commonwealth  
24 boundaries and documents having to do with early titles.

25 Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article heading  
26 to read:

27 ARTICLE I

28 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

29 Section 3. Section 1 of the act is amended to read:

30 Section [1] 101. Short Title.--This act shall be known and

1 may be cited as the "[Pennsylvania] Public Lands Act."

2 Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section and an  
3 article heading to read:

4 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words, terms and  
5 phrases, when used in this act, shall have the meaning ascribed  
6 to them in this section, except where the context clearly  
7 indicates a different meaning.

8 "Department" shall mean the Department of Conservation and  
9 Natural Resources of the Commonwealth.

10 "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of Conservation and  
11 Natural Resources of the Commonwealth.

12 ARTICLE III

13 PUBLIC LANDS

14 Section 5. Section 2 of the act, amended July 18, 1968  
15 (P.L.424, No.196), is amended to read:

16 Section [2] 301. Definitions.--The following words, terms  
17 and phrases, when used in this [act] article, shall have the  
18 meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the  
19 context clearly indicates a different meaning.

20 "Commission" shall mean the Pennsylvania Historical and  
21 Museum Commission.

22 [(a)] "Public lands" shall include:

23 (1) All lands within the territorial limits of the  
24 Commonwealth which have not been confirmed to the former  
25 proprietaries or their grantees by the act of November 27, 1779  
26 (Chapter 863), entitled "An act for vesting the estates of the  
27 late proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this commonwealth," and  
28 which have not been granted, conveyed or patented by the  
29 Commonwealth to the United States of America, the Commonwealth,  
30 or any administrative branch or department of either, or to any

1 person or corporation, public or private.

2 (2) All vacant and unappropriated lands, all lands for which  
3 application has been made or warrants have been granted by the  
4 Commonwealth, the titles to which have not been completed by the  
5 granting of patents, and all other lands which have been sold by  
6 commissioners appointed under acts of the General Assembly, the  
7 titles to which have not been completed by the granting of  
8 patents.

9 Public lands shall not include lands formerly granted,  
10 conveyed or patented by the proprietaries or the Commonwealth to  
11 any person or corporation, public or private, which have  
12 subsequently become the property of the Commonwealth by escheat,  
13 condemnation, confiscation, dedication, gift, grant, purchase,  
14 or otherwise.

15 [(b) "Vacant lands" shall mean lands to which no office  
16 rights are outstanding.]

17 [(c)] "Unappropriated lands" shall mean lands for which no  
18 patent has been issued by the Commonwealth.

19 [(d)] "Unimproved lands" shall mean lands which show no  
20 signs of occupancy or cultivation.

21 [(e) "Department" shall mean the Department of Community  
22 Affairs.

23 (f) "Department of Forests and Waters" or "Secretary of  
24 Forests and Waters" shall include its or his successor.

25 (g) "Bureau" shall mean the Bureau of Land Records in the  
26 Department of Community Affairs.]

27 "Vacant lands" shall mean lands to which no office rights are  
28 outstanding.

29 Section 6. Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the act  
30 are amended to read:

1       Section [3] 302. Duties of [Department] Commission.--The  
2 [department] commission shall act as the Land Office of the  
3 Commonwealth, maintaining and preserving the records of all  
4 conveyances from the proprietaries and the Commonwealth to the  
5 purchasers of land, including applications, warrants, return of  
6 surveys, and reports denying the application of any person. The  
7 [department] commission shall also maintain and preserve the  
8 papers relating to the surveys of the Commonwealth and county  
9 lines, and the reports of commissioners relating to the boundary  
10 lines of the Commonwealth, maps and other papers heretofore  
11 lodged with the Land Office and pertaining to the colonial  
12 history of Pennsylvania, the minutes of the Canal Commissioners,  
13 contracts for section profile maps and other records of and  
14 relating to the public works, and all other relevant records  
15 relating to titles to real estate now or heretofore owned or  
16 hereafter to be acquired by the Commonwealth.

17       It shall be the duty of the [department to arrange the  
18 records in its custody by filing, recording and indexing so as  
19 to facilitate searches, examinations and inspections, and]  
20 commission to furnish copies of all records, documents, entries  
21 and papers to such persons as shall apply for the same and pay  
22 such fees as may be prescribed by law or by rule or regulation.  
23 The [department] commission may make rules and regulations for  
24 the enforcement and administration of this [act] article.

25       Section [4] 303. Application for Warrant and Patent.--  
26 Subject to the right of the [Department of Forests and Waters]  
27 department to formally acquire for the department on behalf of  
28 the Commonwealth and have [the] vacant or unappropriated lands  
29 patented to the Commonwealth for [forest culture, forest  
30 reservation] State forest purposes or State park purposes, as

1 provided by section [6 of this act] 305, any person may make  
2 application for a warrant to have a survey made of any tract of  
3 vacant or unappropriated land and on the return thereof,  
4 together with proofs of advertisement, have a patent issued  
5 thereon to the named applicant by the department, with the  
6 approval of the Governor, provided any caveat entered is finally  
7 disposed of in favor of applicant and the applicant has complied  
8 with all applicable laws and regulations.

9 Section [5] 304. Procedure on Application.--Upon receipt of  
10 an application, on a form approved by the department, for vacant  
11 or unappropriated public lands, together with abstract of title,  
12 duly certified, and survey, the department, with the cooperation  
13 of the commission, shall cause an investigation to be made to  
14 determine whether any office rights have been granted for the  
15 land described in said application, and to determine whether or  
16 not said land is vacant or unappropriated. If the department  
17 [shall determine] determines that the land applied for is not  
18 vacant or unappropriated, it shall file its report, which shall  
19 be conclusive upon the applicant, subject to the right of the  
20 applicant to appeal to the Board of Property within thirty days  
21 and under such rules as the said board may adopt. If the report  
22 discloses that a part only of the land applied for is not vacant  
23 or unappropriated, the applicant may proceed with respect to the  
24 balance.

25 Section [6] 305. Procedure; Department [of Forests and  
26 Waters].--If the department finds the land to be vacant and  
27 unimproved or unappropriated and unimproved, [and the applicant  
28 is not the Secretary of Forests and Waters, the department shall  
29 notify the Secretary of Forests and Waters of the application  
30 and the results of the investigation, whereupon] it shall be the

1 duty of the [Secretary of Forests and Waters] secretary to  
2 determine whether it is desirable and practicable for the  
3 department on behalf of the Commonwealth to formally acquire  
4 such land for [forest culture, forest reservation] State forest  
5 purposes or State park purposes[, and to make application if  
6 that is the case]. If the [Department of Forests and Waters  
7 fails to make application for] department makes a determination  
8 to preserve the Commonwealth's right to said lands within two  
9 months of the receipt of [notice] the application, the  
10 department shall notify the applicant of the department's intent  
11 to maintain the land on behalf of the Commonwealth. If the  
12 department does not make a determination to maintain said lands  
13 within two months of the receipt of the application, the  
14 department shall notify the [original] applicant of the  
15 department's intent to relinquish the Commonwealth's rights to  
16 the lands and, if the application is for vacant land, shall  
17 arrange to cause the land to be appraised. The applicant shall  
18 give thirty days' notice of the filing of such application by  
19 publication once a week for three successive weeks in a  
20 newspaper of general circulation in the area where the land is  
21 situate and furnish proof of publication to the department.

22 Section [7] 306. [Application] Determination by Department  
23 [of Forests and Waters].--The [application of] determination by  
24 the [Department of Forests and Waters] department for vacant  
25 unimproved or unappropriated unimproved land shall be signed by  
26 the [Secretary of Forests and Waters] secretary and be  
27 accompanied by an abstract with certificate and survey. [On  
28 approval of the application, abstract, certificate and survey,  
29 a] A patent to the land shall issue, on approval of the  
30 Governor, to the [Department of Forests and Waters] department

1 for [forest culture, forest reservation] State forest purposes  
2 or State park purposes, without the payment of purchase money,  
3 interest or fees.

4 Section [8] 307. [Board of Appraisers] Appraisals.--[Upon  
5 application for vacant land,] If the department chooses not to  
6 exercise its right to formally acquire the vacant lands, the  
7 land shall be appraised by a [board of appraisers, comprising  
8 three disinterested persons appointed] certified independent  
9 real estate appraiser selected by the department[, who are  
10 residents of the county or counties wherein the land is situate,  
11 of whom one shall be an attorney at law who shall act as  
12 chairman, one a registered professional engineer, and one a  
13 licensed real estate broker].

14 The [person so appointed] appraiser shall swear or affirm,  
15 before an officer authorized to administer oaths, faithfully to  
16 perform the duties herein prescribed, and that [they are] the  
17 appraiser is not directly or indirectly interested in the  
18 application. [They] The appraiser shall [proceed to] determine  
19 the value of the [land by going upon it and] real estate, taking  
20 into consideration soil, timber, fisheries, minerals, location  
21 and other [advantages, and shall determine the value thereof]  
22 natural characteristics of the land. In the case of improved  
23 land, the value of the improvements not made by the Commonwealth  
24 shall not be included in the valuation. The [chairman of the  
25 board] appraiser shall prepare and transmit the [report of the  
26 board] appraisal to the department. [Having agreed upon the  
27 valuation, the chairman shall certify the same to the department  
28 in his report within thirty days after the appointment of the  
29 board. If any of the board of appraisers so appointed shall  
30 fail, neglect or refuse to perform any of their duties within

1 thirty days of their appointment, the department may vacate the  
2 appointment and appoint another board of appraisers to perform  
3 the work in the same manner as the original board. The members  
4 of the board shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five dollars  
5 (\$25.00) each and the chairman shall receive an additional  
6 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the preparation of the report.]

7 Section [9] 308. Expenses.--Upon receipt of the [certificate  
8 and report of the appraisers] appraisal, the department shall  
9 notify the applicant, requesting the amount due the  
10 Commonwealth. The expenses incident to the investigation,  
11 advertising, survey and appraisal, shall be paid by the  
12 applicant. Upon payment of the said amount, the department  
13 shall, upon approval of the survey and other instruments  
14 required by this [act] article and regulations of the  
15 department, with the approval of the Governor, issue a patent  
16 [from the Commonwealth].

17 Section [10] 309. Abandonment of Application.--If, within  
18 three months from the request for payment of the purchase price  
19 and expenses, the applicant shall fail to pay the department, he  
20 shall be deemed to have abandoned his application, and the  
21 department may grant a patent to any subsequent applicant upon  
22 payment of the purchase price, as fixed by said appraisal, and  
23 expenses: Provided, That if more than one year has elapsed since  
24 the receipt of the [certificate of the appraisers] appraisal,  
25 the department may, in its discretion, require a current  
26 appraisal.

27 Section 7. Section 11 of the act, amended July 18, 1968  
28 (P.L.424, No.196), is amended to read:

29 Section [11] 310. Prohibitions and Exceptions.--No  
30 application shall be accepted and no warrants, easements or

1 other office rights shall be granted for any land or island  
2 lying in the beds of navigable rivers or in beds of streams  
3 which are by law declared to be public highways, except  
4 (1) Warrants or other office rights may be granted and  
5 appraisals made on such lands as intervene between former  
6 islands for which patents have been granted, and the former  
7 mainland of navigable rivers, where such intervening lands form  
8 an obstruction to navigation, and are without the ordinary low  
9 water lines of such navigable rivers, as shown by the  
10 certificate of the United States Secretary of Defense or his  
11 successor. No such warrant, or other office right, shall be  
12 granted, unless and until written approval of the [Water and  
13 Power Resources Board of the Department of Forests and Waters]  
14 department has been obtained, following the submission of formal  
15 application and plans to said board showing the manner in which  
16 the said lands within the flood water channel of the navigable  
17 river will be occupied and used, and the extent to which the  
18 flood carrying capacity of the channel will be reduced and  
19 modified: Provided, however, That preference in granting any  
20 such patent shall be given, with the approval of the Governor,  
21 to applications of owners of the land abutting the land  
22 intervening between the former islands to which patents have  
23 been granted and the former mainland of navigable rivers. Such  
24 patents, with the approval of the Governor, may be issued in  
25 accordance with any agreement entered into by all such  
26 landowners, providing for an allotment of the land intervening  
27 between the former islands.

28 (2) Easements may be granted for sewage treatment plants and  
29 intercepting sewer systems and facilities necessary and  
30 incidental thereto, under, across, and in the beds of navigable

1 rivers or streams which are, by law, declared public highways  
2 for the purpose of diverting sewage and industrial wastes from  
3 said rivers or streams to sewage treatment plants, where permits  
4 for the construction thereof have been issued by, or by  
5 authorization of, the Sanitary Water Board, the [Water and Power  
6 Resources Board,] department and the United States Secretary of  
7 Defense. The department shall, on application by any  
8 municipality authority or institution, make such grants to such  
9 municipality of such easements in the name of the Commonwealth,  
10 with the approval of the Governor, and in such form as shall be  
11 approved by the Attorney General without the payment of purchase  
12 money, interest or fees. [The department shall not be required  
13 to submit, to the Department of Forests and Waters, any copies  
14 of such applications as is required in applications for vacant  
15 lands generally.] As used herein, "municipality authority or  
16 institution" means any county, county authority, municipality  
17 authority, city, borough, town, township, school district, and  
18 any healing, preventive mental health, educational, correctional  
19 and penal institution, almshouse and county and city homes,  
20 operated by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof,  
21 the sewage from which is not admitted to a public sewer system.

22 (3) Whenever, to promote sanitation, prevent floods, improve  
23 navigation, or for other purposes, the government of the United  
24 States, by its proper officers or by Act of Congress, shall  
25 authorize the widening, straightening or improvement of the main  
26 channel of any navigable river or stream, under agreement with  
27 the owners of any land to be taken for any of the purposes  
28 aforesaid, and shall permit the abandonment and filling up of  
29 other parts of such river or stream, which may thereby be no  
30 longer useful for the ordinary purposes of navigation, the

1 department is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commonwealth,  
2 to have a survey and appraisal made, both at the expense of the  
3 applicant, and issue a patent, with the approval of the  
4 Governor, of so much of the bed of such river or stream, below  
5 low water mark, as shall be no longer useful for the ordinary  
6 purposes of navigation and shall be so abandoned. Preference in  
7 granting any such patent shall be given to applications of  
8 owners of land abutting the portion of the bed of such river or  
9 stream as shall be subject to patent and a patent, with the  
10 approval of the Governor, may issue in accordance with any  
11 agreement entered into by all such landowners providing for an  
12 allotment of the land so abandoned and subject to patent.

13 (4) The evidence that any part of such river or stream has  
14 ceased to be useful for the ordinary purposes of navigation and  
15 is the subject of warrant, survey and patent, shall include a  
16 certified copy of any Act of Congress which may be passed in  
17 relation thereto, and a copy of any agreement entered into  
18 between the United States of America and such owners of the land  
19 accompanied by proper plans showing the land to be taken, the  
20 river or stream as widened, straightened or improved, and the  
21 portion of such river or stream which is to be abandoned, which  
22 copy of such agreement and which plans shall be certified, under  
23 the hand and seal of the United States Secretary of Defense or  
24 his successor, and filed in the [Office of the Secretary of  
25 Community Affairs of this Commonwealth] office of the secretary.

26 Section 8. Sections 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the act are  
27 amended to read:

28 Section [12] 311. Issuance of Patents for Unappropriated  
29 Lands.--In all cases where it shall appear from the records of  
30 the [department] commission that there have been warrants

1 granted by the Commonwealth for lands authorized to be sold  
2 under Acts of the General Assembly, or by commissioners  
3 appointed under Acts of the General Assembly, the titles to  
4 which have not been completed by the granting of patents, the  
5 department shall, upon the presentation and approval of an  
6 application with satisfactory proof of ownership, including  
7 current survey and abstract of title, and the payment of patent  
8 fees amounting to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), with the  
9 approval of the Governor, grant [the] a patent [of the  
10 Commonwealth].

11 Section [13] 312. Satisfaction of Claims.--In all cases  
12 where there are outstanding office rights, hitherto granted  
13 prior to January 1, 1935, for land lying within the  
14 Commonwealth, the department is authorized to cancel any and all  
15 liens, bonds, and mortgages held by the department for unpaid  
16 purchase money and interest thereon, and to make proper entry of  
17 satisfaction in the lien docket and mortgage book or other  
18 records of the said department as well as issue certificate of  
19 the action taken, upon the payment of a fee of twenty-five  
20 dollars (\$25.00) for each tract of land upon which the lien or  
21 bond and mortgage is released.

22 Section [14] 313. Prohibition of Warrants.--No warrant or  
23 other office right shall issue for any tract or piece of public  
24 land on which settlement has been made, or which may be either  
25 in whole or in part cleared and fenced or otherwise improved,  
26 used or occupied and held by defined boundaries, unless to such  
27 person or persons who have made the settlement, clearing,  
28 fencing or improvement, their heirs, legal representatives,  
29 successors or assigns; but in any case where the settlement or  
30 improvement has been abandoned continuously since January 1,

1 1935, the land shall be deemed to be vacant or unappropriated.

2 Section [15] 314. Caveats.--Any person having or asserting  
3 any claim for land to which application has been made, may file  
4 a caveat with the department prior to the granting of the  
5 patent, whereupon the department shall notify the original  
6 applicant of the filing of the caveat and forward the  
7 application for warrant and the caveat, with all related  
8 instruments, to the Board of Property for decision.

9 The entry of such caveat shall suspend issuance of the patent  
10 until the Board of Property has disposed of the claim. No caveat  
11 shall be recognized for any land after the patent of the  
12 Commonwealth has been granted therefor. When in any case  
13 presented to the Board of Property by caveat or appeal, the  
14 board shall decide against the issuing of a warrant or other  
15 office right, the purchase money, if any has been paid, shall be  
16 returned to the applicant, less all expenses incurred by the  
17 department and board.

18 Section [16] 315. Deposit Required with Caveats.--No caveat  
19 shall be recognized and processed unless the caveator shall  
20 deposit, with the caveat, fees as determined by the department,  
21 and including purchase money in the case of vacant land. The  
22 purchase money shall be returned to the caveator, less all costs  
23 and fees determined by the board as incurred by the caveator, in  
24 the event the board's decision is against the caveator and the  
25 caveator does not appeal from the decision of the Board of  
26 Property. If the caveator appeals from the decision of the Board  
27 of Property, any purchase money deposited shall be held and  
28 disposed of as directed by the court making the final decision  
29 thereon.

30 If the decision of the Board of Property is in favor of the

1 caveator, he shall proceed promptly to perfect his title under  
2 the provisions of this [act] article and in compliance with the  
3 rules and regulations of the department, or he shall be deemed  
4 to have abandoned his claim and right.

5 Section 9. The act is amended by adding an article heading  
6 to read:

7 ARTICLE LI

8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9 Section 10. Sections 17 and 18 of the act are amended to  
10 read:

11 Section [17] 5101. Repeals.--The following acts, or parts of  
12 acts, are hereby repealed absolutely:

13 (a) The act of March 6, 1793 (3 Smith's Laws 93), entitled  
14 "An act directing the sale of certain islands in the river  
15 Susquehanna."

16 (b) The act of January 27, 1806 (4 Smith's Laws 268),  
17 entitled "An act directing the sale of unappropriated Islands in  
18 such parts of the rivers Delaware, Ohio and Allegheny, and their  
19 branches, as are by law declared public highways."

20 (c) The act of April 2, 1822 (7 Smith's Laws 549), entitled  
21 "An act for the prevention of nuisances in the river  
22 Susquehanna."

23 (d) The act of April 14, 1874 (P.L.58), entitled "An act  
24 relative to the issuing of warrants to survey vacant lands."

25 (e) The act of May 5, 1899 (P.L.229), entitled "An act  
26 relative to the liens of the Commonwealth against unpatented  
27 lands; providing for their adjustment, and for the granting of  
28 patents."

29 (f) The act of May 3, 1909 (P.L.413), entitled "An act  
30 relating to the granting of titles by the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania to vacant or unappropriated land, the price to be  
2 paid for the same, the conveyance to the State Forestry  
3 Reservation Commission, where desirable for forest culture or  
4 forest preservation, preventing the granting of warrants for the  
5 beds of navigable rivers, and providing for acceptance of  
6 returns of surveys without limitation as to excess or surplus."

7 (g) The act of April 29, 1911 (P.L.106), entitled "An act  
8 providing for the cancellation of certain liens, bonds, and  
9 mortgages, now held by the Department of Internal Affairs for  
10 unpaid purchase money and interest on lands for which patents  
11 have been issued, and which remain unsatisfied on the lien  
12 docket and other records of that department; and providing for  
13 the forwarding by the Secretary of Internal Affairs of certified  
14 statements of the cancellation to the respective counties  
15 affected, that such statements may be recorded in the counties  
16 where the land lies; and that the record thereof or certified  
17 copies thereof shall be evidence where the said certified  
18 statement would be evidence."

19 (h) The act of June 27, 1913 (P.L.665), entitled "An act  
20 authorizing and regulating the survey, appraisal, and patenting  
21 of lands in beds of navigable rivers or streams, permitted by  
22 the Government of the United States to be abandoned and filled  
23 as no longer of use for ordinary purposes of navigation."

24 Section [18] 5102. Effective Date.--This act shall take  
25 effect immediately.

26 Section 11. The following acts and parts of acts are  
27 repealed:

28 Act of June 13, 1907 (P.L.621, No.483), entitled, as amended,  
29 "An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of Community  
30 Affairs to compile and publish connected warrantee tract maps of

1 each of the several counties of this Commonwealth; making an  
2 appropriation for the work of compilation, and directing the  
3 manner of sale and distribution of the same."

4 Act of June 30, 1959 (P.L.492, No.117), entitled, as amended,  
5 "An act fixing the fees to be charged by the Department of  
6 Community Affairs."

7 Section 12. This act shall take effect in 60 days.