
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL
No. 293

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY RHOADES, FISHER, HELFRICK, SHAFFER, ANDREZESKI,
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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 5, 1986

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," RESTRICTING THE OPERATIONS
21 OF CERTAIN UNITS AT VARIOUS STATE HOSPITALS; AND further
22 providing for ~~leases on certain areas of State forests~~
23 MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS AT STATE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS
24 HOSPITALS; ~~AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON RELINQUISHMENT.~~

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

1 ~~Section 1. Section 1903 A(1) of the act of April 9, 1929~~ <—

2 ~~(P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,~~
3 ~~amended February 17, 1972 (P.L.70, No.23), is amended to read:~~

4 ~~Section 1903 A. Forest Powers; Lease of Small Areas of State~~
5 ~~Forests. The Department of Environmental Resources shall have~~
6 ~~the power:~~

7 ~~(1) To lease, for a period not exceeding ten years, on such~~
8 ~~terms and conditions as it may consider reasonable, to any~~
9 ~~person, corporation, association, church organization, or school~~
10 ~~board, of Pennsylvania, such portion of any State forest,~~
11 ~~whether owned or leased by the Commonwealth, as the department~~
12 ~~may deem suitable, as a site for buildings and facilities to be~~
13 ~~used by such person, corporation, association, church~~
14 ~~organization, or school board for health and recreation, or as a~~
15 ~~site for a church or school purposes: Provided, however, That~~
16 ~~the department may, with the approval of the Governor, if a~~
17 ~~substantial capital investment is involved and if it is deemed~~
18 ~~in the best interests of the Commonwealth, enter into such~~
19 ~~leases for a period not to exceed thirty five years. The~~
20 ~~department shall not terminate the lease of a person whose cabin~~
21 ~~has been destroyed or seriously damaged by vandalism or by fire,~~
22 ~~storm, flood or other natural causes and shall permit the~~
23 ~~rebuilding of such cabin.~~

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25 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

26 SECTION 1. SECTION 2313 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 <—

27 (P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, IS
28 AMENDED BY ADDING A CLAUSE TO READ:

29 SECTION 2313. MENTAL HEALTH.--THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
30 WELFARE SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND ITS DUTY SHALL BE:

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(C) AS OF JUNE 1, 1986, ALL SERVICES PROVIDED AT
PHILADELPHIA STATE HOSPITAL TO MENTALLY ILL PERSONS CHARGED WITH
OR CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SHALL BE TERMINATED AND ALL
SUCH PERSONS SHALL BE MOVED TO OTHER FACILITIES. THEREAFTER,
PERSONS CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SHALL
NOT BE HOUSED OR PROVIDED SERVICE AT PHILADELPHIA STATE
HOSPITAL.

SECTION 2. THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.177, NO.175),
KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, IS AMENDED BY ADDING
SECTIONS A SECTION TO READ:

SECTION 2313.1. MINIMUM NUMBER OF TREATMENT PERSONNEL FOR
STATE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS HOSPITALS.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY
PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF
TREATMENT PERSONNEL AND STAFF PER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PATIENTS
SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>CLASSIFICATION OR POSITION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONNEL</u> <u>PER 250 PATIENTS</u>
<u>UNIT DIRECTOR</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>PSYCHIATRIST WITH AT LEAST THREE</u> <u>YEARS RESIDENCY TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRY</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>LICENSED MEDICAL PHYSICIANS</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>REGISTERED NURSES</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>AIDE, LEVEL III</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>AIDE, LEVEL II</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>AIDE, LEVEL I</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>HOSPITAL ORDERLY</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>MEDICAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>MEDICAL RECORDS ASSISTANT</u>	<u>2</u>

1	CLERK STENOGRAPHER II	-3
2	CLERK TYPIST II	-3
3	UNIT ADMINISTRATOR	-1
4	ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	-1
5	PSYCHOLOGIST WITH A DOCTORAL DEGREE	
6	FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-1
7	PSYCHOLOGIST WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE	
8	FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-1
9	PSYCHOLOGIST WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE	
10	FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-2
11	SOCIAL WORKER WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE	
12	FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-2
13	SOCIAL WORKER WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE	
14	FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-5
15	PATIENT ACTIVITY THERAPIST WITH A MASTER'S	
16	DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM	-1
17	PATIENT ACTIVITY AIDE	10
18	MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	10
19	LICENSED PODIATRIST	-1
20	LICENSED DENTIST	-2
21	DENTAL HYGIENIST	-1
22	CHAPLAIN	-5
23	PLANNING, EDUCATIONAL AND	
24	DEVELOPMENT WORKER	-2
25	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	-1
26	VOLUNTEER REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	-1
27	MENTAL HEALTH FIELD REPRESENTATIVE	-1
28	DIETITIAN	-1
29	FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR	-1
30	COOK, LEVEL II	-2

1	<u>COOK, LEVEL I</u>	<u>-3</u>	
2	<u>FOOD SERVICE WORKER</u>	<u>15</u>	
3	<u>VEHICLE DRIVER</u>	<u>-1</u>	
4	<u>HOUSEKEEPER</u>	<u>15</u>	
5	<u>MESSENGER</u>	<u>-1</u>	
6	<u>MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN</u>	<u>-4</u>	
7	<u>SECTION 2313.2. RESTRICTIONS ON RELINQUISHMENT. THE</u>		
8	<u>COMMONWEALTH SHALL NOT RELINQUISH CONTROL OVER ANY STATE GENERAL</u>		
9	<u>HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.</u>		
10	<u>THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF FULL-TIME TREATMENT AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL</u>		<—
11	<u>FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND RETARDED IN STATE HOSPITALS SHALL BE</u>		
12	<u>THE NUMBER OF FUNDED POSITIONS AS OF JULY 1, 1985, AT EACH STATE</u>		
13	<u>HOSPITAL.</u>		
14	SECTION 2 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.		<—