

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 421 Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY BRIGHTBILL, SALVATORE, WENGER, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, HECKLER, ROBBINS AND RHOADES, FEBRUARY 10, 1997

SENATOR MOWERY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, AS AMENDED, MAY 7, 1997

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, <—~~
2 ~~No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and mental~~
3 ~~retardation; authorizing county programs and amending,~~
4 ~~revising and changing the laws relating thereto and making an~~
5 ~~appropriation," repealing provisions relating to county~~
6 ~~liability; and discharging certain county liability.~~
7 REPEALING CERTAIN MANDATES IMPOSED ON COUNTIES; AND DISCHARGING <—
8 CERTAIN LIABILITIES OF COUNTIES.

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

11 ~~Section 1. Section 505 of the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd <—~~
12 ~~Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Mental~~
13 ~~Retardation Act of 1966, is repealed.~~

14 ~~Section 2. The liability of the counties under section 505~~
15 ~~of the act, in existence on the effective date of this act, is~~
16 ~~discharged.~~

17 ~~Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

18 SECTION 1. REPEALS. <—

19 (A) ABSOLUTE.--THE FOLLOWING ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS ARE
20 REPEALED:

1 SECTION 505 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 20, 1966 (3RD SP.SESS.,
2 P.L.96, NO.6), KNOWN AS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION
3 ACT OF 1966.

4 SECTION 408 OF THE ACT OF JULY 9, 1976 (P.L.817, NO.143),
5 KNOWN AS THE MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES ACT.

6 (B) OTHER.--AS MUCH AS RELATES TO PUBLIC NURSING HOMES IN
7 SECTION 472 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN
8 AS THE PUBLIC WELFARE CODE, IS REPEALED.

9 SECTION 2. DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN LIABILITIES OF COUNTIES AND
10 COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

11 ALL LIABILITY OF COUNTIES AND COUNTY AUTHORITIES UNDER
12 SECTION 505 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 20, 1966 (3RD SP.SESS.,
13 P.L.96, NO.6), KNOWN AS THE MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION
14 ACT OF 1966, IN EXISTENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, IS
15 DISCHARGED.

16 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

17 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.