

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 8, 1959 (P.L.1718, No.632),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the payment of
3 the salary, medical and hospital expenses of employes of
4 State penal and correctional institutions, State mental
5 hospitals, Youth Development Centers, County Boards of
6 Assistance, and under certain conditions other employes of
7 the Department of Public Welfare, who are injured in the
8 performance of their duties; and providing benefit to their
9 widows and dependents in certain cases," providing for a
10 limitation on salary payments to employees.

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

13 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of December 8, 1959
14 (P.L.1718, No.632), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for
15 the payment of the salary, medical and hospital expenses of
16 employes of State penal and correctional institutions, State
17 mental hospitals, Youth Development Centers, County Boards of
18 Assistance, and under certain conditions other employes of the
19 Department of Public Welfare, who are injured in the performance
20 of their duties; and providing benefit to their widows and
21 dependents in certain cases," amended September 2, 1961

1 (P.L.1224, No.534), is amended to read:

2 Section 1. Any employe of a State penal or correctional
3 institution under the Bureau of Correction of the Department of
4 Justice and any employe of a State mental hospital or Youth
5 Development Center under the Department of Public Welfare, who
6 is injured during the course of his employment by an act of any
7 inmate or any person confined in such institution or by any
8 person who has been committed to such institution by any court
9 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or by any provision of the
10 "Mental Health Act" and any employe of County Boards of
11 Assistance injured by act of an applicant for or recipient of
12 public assistance and any employe of the Department of Public
13 Welfare who has been assigned to or who has volunteered to join
14 the fire fighting force of any institution of the Department of
15 Public Welfare injured while carrying out fire fighting duties,
16 shall be paid, by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, his full
17 salary[,] for no more than three years from the date of the
18 injury, or until the disability arising therefrom no longer
19 prevents his return as an employe of such department, board or
20 institution at a salary equal to that earned by him at the time
21 of his injury, whichever is sooner.

22 All medical and hospital expenses incurred in connection with
23 any such injury shall be paid by the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania until the disability arising from such injury no
25 longer prevents his return as an employe of such department,
26 board or institution at a salary equal to that earned by him at
27 the time of his injury.

28 During the time salary for such disability shall be paid by
29 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania any workmen's compensation
30 received or collected for such period shall be turned over to

1 the Commonwealth and paid into the General Fund, and if such
2 payment shall not be so made, the amount so due the Commonwealth
3 shall be deducted from any salary then or thereafter becoming
4 due and owing.

5 The widow and minor dependents of any employe who dies within
6 one year as a result of such injuries shall be paid benefits
7 equal to fifty per cent of the full salary of the deceased
8 employe.

9 When a widow and minor dependents not in her custody are
10 entitled to payments, one-half of such payments shall be paid to
11 the widow and one-half to the dependents. In every case the
12 amount payable to minor dependents shall be divided equally
13 among them and be paid to the persons or institutions having
14 custody of them.

15 In the case of a widow or a widow with minor dependents in
16 her custody, such benefits shall terminate when such widow
17 remarries. In the case of minor dependents, except when in the
18 custody of a remarried widow, such benefits shall terminate when
19 all of the minor dependents become eighteen years of age.

20 Neither a widow nor minor dependents shall receive any benefits
21 under this act while receiving benefits under the Federal Social
22 Security Law. The benefits provided by this act shall be reduced
23 by the amount of any workmen's compensation benefits received or
24 collected by any such widow or minor dependents because of the
25 same injury. Payments for the benefit of minor dependents shall
26 be made to the person having legal custody of them.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

