

AN ACT

Providing for the annual registration of organized camps for children, youth and adults; defining the duties of the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and prescribing penalties.

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

Camps organized for children and adults.

Section 1. Definition. — As used in this act, "organized camp" means a program and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience for children, youth and adults, with social, recreational and educational objectives, and which is operated and used for five or more consecutive days during one or more seasons of the year. The term "organized camp" does not mean establishments commonly known as tourist camps, motels, trailer parks, lumber camps, construction camps, labor camps, penal camps and hunting camps.

Section 2. Registration; Fees and Terms. —

(a) No person, organization or political subdivision shall conduct, control, manage or operate any camp for children, youth or adults in Pennsylvania without first registering the camp with the Department of Health.

(b) The registration fee shall be ten dollars (\$10), annually. Only one registration shall be required of persons, organizations or political subdivisions, which operate more than one organized camp in this Commonwealth.

(c) All fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the State Treasury.

Section 3. Department of Health; Powers and Duties. — The Department of Health shall —

(1) Provide application blanks requiring the necessary information about organized camps, annually;

(2) Issue Certificates of Registration to persons, organizations, or political subdivisions, identifying specifically the camps registered and showing the date of expiration of the period of registration;

(3) Make available to other Departments or agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, current lists of camps, their owners, location and

other pertinent information by counties or otherwise, as may be desired by each department or agency, to facilitate the activities of such departments or agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for enforcing the laws or regulations now in effect or hereinafter enacted or promulgated relating to organized camps; and

(4) Maintain, publish and distribute, annually, to the public other pertinent information by counties.

Section 4. Unlawful Acts and Penalties Therefore. — (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization or political subdivision to conduct, control, manage or operate any organized camp in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, unless the camp is registered with the Department of Health for the year during which it is being operated, managed, controlled or conducted.

(b) Any person, organization or political subdivision, who, being the owner, operator or manager of an organized camp in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, violates any of the provisions of this act, shall, upon summary conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or undergo imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

APPROVED — The 10th day of November, A.D. 1959.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 497.

(Signed) John S. Rice
Secretary of the Commonwealth