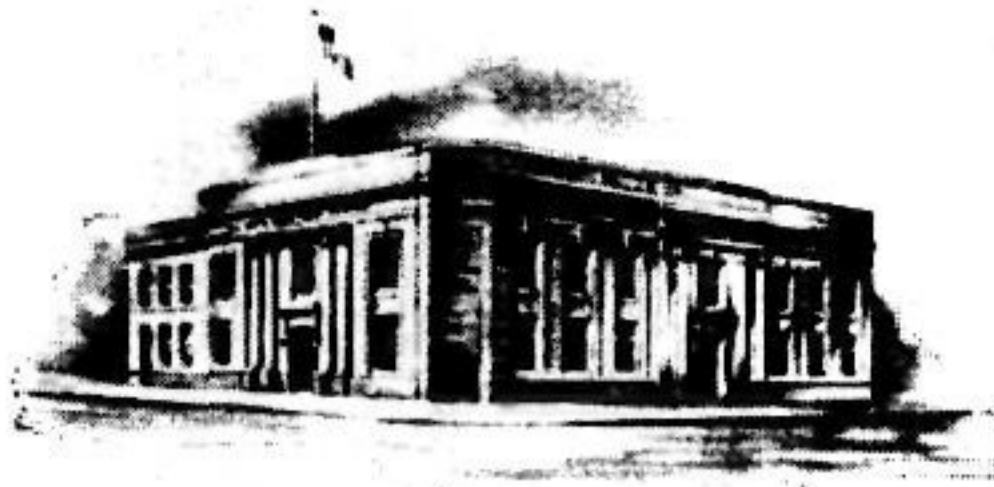


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To All Our Safe Deposit Box Renters

On June 15, 1961, Governor Lawrence signed Act 207, "The Inheritance and State Tax Act of 1961." Article XI of that Act contains provisions which materially effect safe deposit procedures in Pennsylvania beginning January 1, 1962. Such provisions of this Article apply to all renters who die on or after that date. The important points in this new law are described in the enclosed insert, and should be read thoroughly by you, so you will know how vitally you are affected by this new statute.

To comply with the provisions of this Act, the rules and regulations governing the rental of safe deposit boxes in the vaults of our Company have been revised to provide that after the death of a safe deposit renter, access to the box can be had only subject to the provisions of Article XI. A contract card embodying such revision is enclosed for the signature(s) to be affixed, where indicated; whereupon, the card should be returned to the Safe Deposit Department in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions regarding this new Act will be answered by the Safe Deposit Custodian, or any Officer of our Bank.

We are very pleased to be of this additional service to you by keeping you abreast of this new development in safe deposit procedure.

Sincerely yours

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**ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AFTER THE DEATH OF A RENTER**

(Under Act 207, Article XI, of 1961 Pennsylvania General Assembly,

"The Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961")

The subject Act is effective January 1, 1962, and imposes certain restrictions in regard to access to any safe deposit box after the death of any of the individuals in whose names the box was rented. It applies to all safe deposit boxes rented in Pennsylvania, whether or not the box is rented in one name, in the names of two or more persons, or in the name of a business firm, and specifically prohibits any person, having actual knowledge of the death of a renter, to enter the box except as provided for in the Act. The penalty for violation of this portion of the Act is a fine up to \$10,000.00, imprisonment for one year, or both. It also prohibits any bank employee, having knowledge of the death of a renter, to permit an access to the renter's box, except as provided for in the Act, under penalty of a fine up to \$1,000.00.

Access to the box of a deceased renter may be granted, under the terms of the Act, for the sole purpose of removing the decedent's Will and evidence of ownership of the burial lot in which the decedent is to be buried. Such an access must be in the presence of a bank employee, who is made responsible for the preparation of a record of the documents removed, and who is required to attest that the record is correct and complete. (Section 1115)

Access to the box of a deceased renter, for the purpose of removing any or all of the contents, may be granted under any one of the following conditions:

1. In the presence of an employee of the bank, who is made responsible for the preparation of a complete record of the contents of the box, which record he must attest to be correct and complete. The bank, in such cases, is authorized to make a charge to the estate of the deceased renter for the attendance of its employee at such an access. (Section 1111)
2. In the presence of a representative of the Department of Revenue, who has been authorized by the Secretary of Revenue to represent the Department. The Secretary of Revenue is required to appoint at least one such representative for each County of the Commonwealth, and the representative, present at the time of entry into the box of a deceased renter, is made responsible for the preparation of a record of the contents of the box. (Section 1112)
3. The Court, for cause shown, may issue an order that a designated person or persons be permitted to enter the safe deposit box of a deceased renter, and remove the contents described in the order, under such supervision as the Court may direct. The order may also require that a record be made of the contents of the box. (Section 1113)

ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AFTER THE DEATH OF A RENTER (Continued)

4. A business firm, whose business requires ready access to safe deposit boxes used in connection with the business, may at any time and without relation to the death of any specific individual, obtain a certificate containing general authorization for entry into, and removal of contents of, a safe deposit box, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Revenue may prescribe. The bank may permit such access, upon presentation to it of the certificate issued by the Secretary of Revenue. (Section 1114)

5. When access to the box of a deceased renter is not, or cannot, be made under any of the four methods listed above, the person desiring access may mail a notice to the Department of Revenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by either registered or certified mail, fixing a time, not less than seven (7) days after the date on which the notice is mailed, when the box will be entered. An exact copy of the notice must be sent to the bank, and the bank may then permit access, and the removal of contents, at the time given in the notice, upon a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, by the person removing the contents, that such notice has been given. A representative of the Department of Revenue may also be present under this method of obtaining access. (Section 1121)

Any entry into the safe deposit box of a deceased renter, after one made as described in numbers 1 to 5, shall be made without any restriction, by anyone authorized under the rental terms to enter the box. (Section 1131)

Any information about the contents of a safe deposit box, acquired by a person whose presence at its opening is required by the Act, is confidential; and any disclosure of such information, except for the purposes of the Act, is made punishable by a fine up to \$10,000.00, imprisonment for one year, or both.

It should be noted that the Act applies to all boxes, including those rented in two names by husband and wife; it does not confer authority upon anyone to enter a safe deposit box to which he would not otherwise be entitled to access; nor does it restrict the right of a renter to enter his own box following the death of the renter's agent or deputy.