

No. 160  
AN ACT

Amending the act of May two, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1278), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto", extending the definition of "deceased service persons" to include service personnel serving in an armed conflict.

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

The General  
County Law.

Section 1. Section four hundred twenty-one, act of May two, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1278), known as "The General County Law," amended April ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 178), is amended to read:

Section 421, act  
of May 2, 1929,  
P. L. 1278,  
amended April 10,  
1945, P. L. 178,  
further amended.

Section 421. Definitions.—The term "deceased service persons," as used in this act, shall be defined and construed to mean and include:

(1) Any deceased persons who, at the time of his or her death, was serving (whether or not in a combat zone) in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or any women's organization officially connected therewith, during any war or *armed conflict* in which the United States has been, is now or shall hereafter be engaged, or who, at the time of his or her death, was serving in a zone where a campaign or state or condition of war or *armed conflict* then existed, in which the United States was, is or shall be a participant. The existence of a campaign or state or condition of war or *armed conflict*, and the participation of the United States therein, as well as the fact that the deceased person served in a zone where such campaign or state or condition of war or *armed conflict* existed, shall, in each case, be established by the records of the War or Naval Departments of the Federal Government; or

"Deceased service  
persons" defined.

(2) Any deceased person, who had so served at any time during his or her life, and whose separation from such service was honorable, whether by discharge or otherwise; or who at the time of his or her death was continuing in such service after the cessation of the war, *armed conflict*, campaign or state or condition of war during or in which he or she served; or

(3) Any deceased person who was in active service in the militia of the State of Pennsylvania under and in pursuance of any proclamation issued by the Governor during the Civil War, and not duly mustered into the service of the United States, and has been honorably discharged or relieved from such service.

The term "legal residence" as used in this act, shall be construed as synonymous with "domicile" and is hereby defined as actual residence, coupled with intention that it shall be permanent, or a residence presently fixed with no definite intention of changing it, or of returning to a former residence at some future period. Legal residence is to be determined by abode of person and his or her intention to abandon his or her former domicile and establish a new one. The legal residence of a deceased service person shall be prima facie in the county where he or she made his or her abode at the time of his or her death.

APPROVED—The 27th day of September, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 161

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, \*the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds", by further regulating the maximum length of truck tractor and semi-trailer combinations carrying motor vehicles.

"The Vehicle Code."

Subsection (g), section 902, <sup>act</sup> of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended July 25, 1953, P. L. 554, further amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (g) of section nine hundred two of the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended July twenty-five, one thousand

\* "and" in original.