

payment may be an estimated amount based on but not to exceed fifty per cent (50%) of the total amount apportioned and allocated to the school district during the previous school year: *Provided, That for the school years 1962-1963 and 1963-1964 to all school districts, and thereafter to school districts operating on a fiscal calendar year basis, the first semi-annual payment may be an estimated amount based on but not to exceed sixty per cent (60%) of the total amount apportioned and allocated to the school district during the previous school year.* Payment thereof shall be made to fourth class school districts and to vocational school districts during the months of March and October of each year, and to first, second and third class school districts during the months of April and November of each year.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 387

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," regulating the operation of and riding on motorcycles.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. The act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding, after section 625, a new section to read:

Act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended by adding a new section 625.1.

*Section 625.1. Riding on Motorcycles.—A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto. Such operator shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle, unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event, a passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular seat if designed for two (2) persons, or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle in a position to the rear or side of the motorcycle and provided with foot rests and hand grips, or in a side car attached to the motorcycle.*

*Penalty.—Any person operating or riding a motorcycle in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate,*

*be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.*

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 388

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled, "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," simplifying and clarifying the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare relating to the blind, and prescribing powers and duties relating to certain visually handicapped school children.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 2320, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, repealed.

Article XXIII, of act amended by adding a new section 2320.1.

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

Section 1. Section 2320, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is repealed.

Section 2. Article XXIII. of the act is amended by adding, after section 2318, a new section to read:

*Section 2320.1. The Blind and Visually Handicapped.—The Department of Public Welfare shall have the power, and its duties shall be:*

*(1) To collect, systematize and transmit to other agencies relevant information in regard to blind and visually handicapped persons in this Commonwealth on which programs for the improvement of their condition can be based.*

*(2) To formulate general policy and to devise and conduct programs for the prevention of blindness.*