

<u>Type of Vehicle</u> <u>or Combination</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
	<u>Deceleration</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Braking Force</u>
	<u>Rate in Feet</u>	<u>Stopping</u>	<u>as Percentage</u>
	<u>Per Second</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>of Maximum</u>
	<u>Per Second</u>	<u>In Feet</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>
			<u>Allowed</u>
<u>Commercial motor vehicle or truck</u>			
<u>tractor, maximum gross weight</u>			
<u>less than 11,000 pounds</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>43.5</u>
<u>Commercial motor vehicle or truck</u>			
<u>tractor, maximum gross weight</u>			
<u>11,000 pounds or more; com-</u>			
<u>bination in which maximum</u>			
<u>gross weight of trailer or semi-</u>			
<u>trailer is not more than 3,000</u>			
<u>pounds; combination in drive-</u>			
<u>away or towaway operation</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>43.5</u>
<u>Any other vehicle or combination</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>43.5</u>

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

APPROVED—The 24th day of January, A. D. 1966.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 527

AN ACT

HB 1640

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," further providing for the suspension of operators' licenses and

learners' permits, establishing a point system with respect to suspension for certain violations, requiring attendance at driver improvement schools or clinics in certain cases, requiring the compilation of certain statistics by the Secretary of Revenue, requiring the establishment of driver improvement schools and clinics, increasing certain speed limits and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Clause (2) of subsection (b) of section 618, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 618. Suspension of Licenses or Operating Privileges.—

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(b) The secretary may suspend the operator's license or learner's permit of any person, after a hearing before the secretary or his representative, whenever the secretary finds upon sufficient evidence:

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(2) That such person has committed any violation of the laws of this Commonwealth relating to vehicles or tractors, except those violations committed by persons licensed under the provisions of section 601 of this act, as enumerated in section 619.1 of this act, in which case suspensions of operators' licenses or learners' permits shall be as provided in said section 619.1.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding after section 619, three new sections to read:

Section 619.1. Point System for Driver Education, Testing and Suspension.—

(a) In addition to the powers and duties of revocation and suspension conferred upon the secretary under sections 616, 617, 618 and 619 of this act, he shall administer a system for driver education, testing and suspension as hereinafter provided.

(b) The secretary shall maintain a record of convictions of every person licensed under the provisions of section 601 of this act, and shall enter therein records of all convictions of such persons for any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this Commonwealth and shall assign to the record of such person as of the date of conviction of the offense, a number of points for each such conviction in accordance with the follow-

ing schedule of convictions and points. The point system shall apply to the following violations:

<u>Section of Code</u>	<u>Number of Points</u>
<u>1001 (1)</u>	<u>Reckless driving 5</u>
<u>1002 (a)</u>	<u>Driving too fast for conditions .. 5</u>
<u>1002 (b) (1)</u>	<u>Exceeding speed limit of 10 miles per hour in passing any interurban or streetcar taking on or discharging passengers, or at intersection where safety zone has been established, or where traffic is controlled by a peace officer or a traffic signal 4</u>
<u>1002 (b) (1.1)</u>	<u>Exceeding 15 or 20 miles per hour limit in residence district 4</u>
<u>1002 (b) (2)</u>	<u>Exceeding speed limit of 15 miles per hour in school zone 5</u>
<u>1002 (b) (3)</u>	<u>Exceeding speed limit 20 miles per hour within 200 feet of railway grade crossing 3</u>
<u>1002 (b), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), 1002 (c)</u>	<u>Speed Over Legal Limit</u>
	<u>6 to 10 3</u>
	<u>11 to 15 6</u>
	<u>16 to 20 6</u>
	<u>(and 15 days suspension)</u>
	<u>21 to 29 6</u>
	<u>(and 30 days suspension)</u>
	<u>30 and over 6</u>
	<u>(and 60 days suspension)</u>
<u>1004</u>	<u>Driving to left center of highway 3</u>

<u>1005</u>	<u>Passing at intersection or railroad</u>	
	<u>crossing</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1006</u>	<u>Failure to drive on right half of</u>	
	<u>highway</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1007</u>	<u>Improper overtaking</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1008 (a), (c), (d), (e)</u>	<u>Improper passing</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1008 (b)</u>	<u>Improper passing on curve or crest</u>	
	<u>of hill</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>1009 (a)</u>	<u>Failure to yield to overtaking</u>	
	<u>vehicle</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1010 (a)</u>	<u>Following too closely</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1010 (b)</u>	<u>Following too closely (Commercial</u>	
	<u>vehicles)</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1011 (a), (b), (d)</u>	<u>Improper turning</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1012</u>	<u>Failure to give proper signals . . .</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1013 (a), (b), (c)</u>	<u>Right of way (two vehicles at</u>	
	<u>intersections at same time)</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1014 (a), (b), (c)</u>	<u>Exceptions to right of way</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1016 (a), (b)</u>	<u>Driving through stop sign</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1016.1</u>	<u>Failure to yield right of way</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1018 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)</u>	<u>Passing school bus—loading or</u>	
	<u>unloading</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>1020 (a)</u>	<u>Stopping on highway</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1026</u>	<u>Coasting (passenger or commercial</u>	
	<u>vehicle)</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1028 (a)</u>	<u>Driving through traffic light</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1036</u>	<u>Moving violations on Pennsyl-</u>	
	<u>vania Turnpike other than speed</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1113.1</u>	<u>Restricted zones for certain Com-</u>	
	<u>mmercial Vehicles</u>	<u>4</u>

(c) In case of conviction of any person for two (2) or more of the offenses enumerated in subsection (b) of this section committed on a

single occasion, points may be assessed against such person only for the offense highest in points.

(d) In the case of a conviction in another state, the secretary may assign points when such conviction, if committed in Pennsylvania, would result in assignment of points to such person's record.

(e) When any person's record shows as many as three (3) points, the secretary shall send to such person at his last known address a letter of notice pointing out such fact and emphasizing the nature and effects of the point system. Failure of any person to receive such a letter of notice shall not prevent suspension of his operator's license or learner's permit pursuant to this section. In the case of an operator who is a minor, the secretary may send a similar letter of notice to the minor's parent or guardian for his information.

(f) When any person's record for the first time shows as many as six (6) points, the secretary shall require such person to undergo a special examination as provided for in section 608 (g) of this act, or require such person to attend an approved driver improvement school, or require such person to attend a clinic, or any combination of the foregoing and shall so notify the person in writing. When a driver has successfully attended and passed the course at a driver improvement school, his record shall be credited with one (1) point for such attendance. If any person fails to attend and satisfactorily complete the requirements of such examination, school or clinic, an additional five (5) points shall be assigned to his record, and his operator's license or learner's permit shall be suspended as provided in subsection (k) of this section.

(g) When any person's record has been reduced below six (6) points and for the second time shows as many as six (6) points, the secretary shall require a special examination as provided in section 608 (g) of this act, and may again require such person to attend an approved driver improvement school and/or clinic and shall so notify such person in writing. If such person fails to attend and satisfactorily complete the

requirements of the examination, or the approved driver improvement school or clinic an additional five (5) points shall be assigned to his record and his operator's license or learner's permit shall be suspended as provided in subsection (k) of this section.

(h) When any person's record has been reduced below six (6) points and for the third or any additional time shows as many as six (6) points, the secretary or his representative shall require such person to attend an interview wherein the record of such person shall be reviewed, and the secretary shall take such action as he shall deem proper.

(i) When any person's record shows an accumulation of eleven (11) points or more, the secretary shall suspend such person's operator's license or learner's permit.

(j) Except as provided in subsection (m) of this section, points recorded against any person shall be removed from the date of last conviction at the rate of two (2) for each year in which such person is not convicted of any violation of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to vehicles or tractors.

(k) Whenever an operator's license or learner's permit is suspended pursuant to the provisions of this section, unless otherwise provided, the first such suspension shall be for a period of sixty (60) days; the second such suspension shall be for a period of ninety (90) days, and any subsequent suspension shall be for such period of time as the secretary may, in his discretion deem proper, such period to be not less than one hundred twenty (120) days nor more than one (1) year.

(l) Upon the suspension of the operator's license or learner's permit of any person as authorized by this section, the secretary shall immediately notify such person, in writing, to surrender his operator's license or learner's permit to the secretary or his authorized representative for the term of the suspension.

(m) Upon the restoration of driving privileges of any person whose operator's license or learner's permit has been suspended pursuant to this act, such person's record shall show five (5) points and from the

date of restoration such points shall be removed from his record at the rate of two (2) each year, as provided in subsection (j).

(n) The secretary may, after a hearing before him or his representative, when it is indicated that such person is at fault or partly at fault in causing an accident, require such person to undergo a special examination or attend an approved driver improvement school or clinic as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

Section 619.2. Compilation of Statistics.—(a) It shall be the duty of the secretary to receive a copy of reports of all accidents prepared by investigating police officers or by drivers involved and to make such reports, or summaries thereof, available to the Secretary of Highways, the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police and other official agencies for analysis or guidance in accident prevention.

(b) The secretary shall compile and maintain in sufficient detail for each Pennsylvania operator, a record of (1) violations of this act resulting in convictions, (2) departmental actions, (3) reportable accidents and (4) such other information as may be necessary to permit:

(1) Statistical analyses over five-year periods of the relationship between non-accident traffic violations of operators and accident involvement. These analyses shall include such factors as the type, location, and severity of violations, the type, location, and severity of the accidents and the responsibility of the operators involved.

(2) An annual statistical summary of motor vehicle traffic accidents including multidimensional distributions for such factors as type, time, and location of accident, road and weather conditions, type of traffic control, and condition and actions of the operators and type and condition of the vehicles.

(3) An evaluation of legal or departmental actions as related to driver improvement and accident reduction.

(4) An estimate of the costs involved in legal or departmental actions regarding specific violations.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Revenue, the Secretary

of Highways and the Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police to jointly establish a central accident analysis system which will study reported accidents, road conditions and traffic controls and which shall be capable of providing:

(1) An annual statistical summary of motor vehicle accidents including multidimensional distribution for such factors as type, time and location of accident, road and weather conditions, type of traffic control, and condition and actions of operators and type and condition of the vehicles.

(2) Identification of hazardous road locations.

(3) Information on which duty assignment of the State Police may be more effective in order to prevent accidents.

(4) Evaluation of speed regulations or other provisions of The Vehicle Code to aid the General Assembly in determining when changes are desirable.

(5) Any other statistics or analysis deemed helpful in advancing highway safety.

(d) The secretary may compile such other statistics for such purposes as he might deem helpful in advancing highway safety.

Section 619.3. Establishment of Driver Improvement Schools and Clinics.—It shall be the duty of the secretary to designate or establish and maintain driver improvement schools and to determine or approve the instructions given by such schools. The secretary shall, in cooperation with the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, designate or establish and maintain driver clinics and determine and approve tests and procedures of the clinics. The secretary shall designate or establish such schools and clinics at such locations throughout the Commonwealth as he shall deem necessary in order that such school shall be reasonably accessible to persons required by him to attend such schools or clinics.

Section 3. Clause (6) of subsection (b) and subsection (c) of section 1002 of the act are amended to read:

Section 1002. Restrictions as to Speed.—

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(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, speeds in excess of the maximum limits hereinafter provided shall be unlawful:

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(6) [Fifty (50)] Fifty-five (55) miles an hour speed limit: all vehicles, except those otherwise restricted by this act to lower maximum speeds and except as provided in clauses (7) and (9).

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(c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for the following kinds, types, and classes of vehicles to be operated at a greater speed than hereinafter provided, except when such vehicles are being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a turnpike commission in which case subject to speed restrictions by such turnpike commission as hereinbefore provided the maximum speed limits shall be [twenty (20)] fifteen (15) miles per hour greater than hereinafter provided.

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors R class, [fifty (50)] fifty-five (55) miles per hour.

Motor buses and omnibuses, [fifty (50)] fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except where a greater speed is authorized under this act for passenger motor vehicles in which case the speed for R class commercial motor vehicles, motor buses and omnibuses shall be the same. For the purpose of indicating the established speed limit, and the erection of signs in connection therewith, as provided in this act, R class commercial vehicles shall be deemed passenger motor vehicles.

All other commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, all combinations of commercial motor vehicles or truck tractors and trailers or semi-trailers, [fifty (50)] fifty-five (55) miles per hour on highways having four (4) or more lanes, or [forty (40)] forty-five (45) miles per hour on highways having less than four (4) lanes.

The above speed limits shall be subject to reduction by the Secretary of Highways on the basis of highway engineering studies. Whenever the Secretary of Highways reduces the speed limit under subsection (c) of this section on a particular section of a highway, the speed limit shall be indicated by the erection of official signs placed at the beginning and

at the end of such highway and at reasonable intervals, at the discretion of the Secretary of Highways.

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Penalty.—Any person violating 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 payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in six months.

APPROVED—The 24th day of January, A. D. 1966.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 528

AN ACT

HB 1708

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," changing limitations on driver education expenses of the Department of Public Instruction, changing the basis for reimbursement by the Commonwealth on account of standardized driver training programs and extending provisions relating to driver education programs to joint school organizations, and to pupils attending nonpublic high schools.

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

Section 1. Section 1519.1, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 21, 1956 (P. L. 1653), is amended to read:

Section 1519.1. Standardized Driver-Education Program.—

(a) The Department of Public Instruction shall establish, for operation in the public school system of the Commonwealth, a standardized driver-education program in the safe operation of motor vehicles available to all public high school pupils and all high school pupils attending nonpublic high schools.