

No. 307

AN ACT

HB 1092

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 regulating the maximum length of the load carried on combinations carrying motor vehicles; changing certain penalties; and providing for the issuance of special permits following certain convictions.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of subsection (c) and the penalty clause of section 902, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), known as "The Vehicle Code," subsection (c) amended August 20, 1971 (P.L.349), are amended to read:

Section 902. Size of Vehicles, Tractors and Loads.—

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(c) No motor vehicle or tractor, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, shall exceed a total maximum length, including any load thereon, of four hundred twenty (420) inches, except that motor vehicles operated under contract with any school district, private school or parochial school for the transportation of school children and motor vehicles owned and operated by school districts, private schools and parochial schools in the transportation of school children, may exceed such total maximum length by sixty (60) inches. No combination of two (2) vehicles or tractors shall exceed a total maximum length of six hundred sixty (660) inches inclusive of load and bumpers coupled together, *except that the length of the load to be carried by a combination designed exclusively for carrying motor vehicles may exceed such total maximum length by not more than sixty (60) inches.* Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the transportation by a combination of vehicles of articles impossible of dismemberment, which do not exceed seventy (70) feet, nor the operation of a vehicle equipped with a boom or boom-like device which does not exceed fifty-five (55) feet, in which case such combination of vehicles, or vehicle equipped with a boom or boom-like device, may exceed the total maximum length as hereinbefore set forth by such additional length as may be necessary to transport the articles impossible of dismemberment, or operate the vehicle equipped with a boom or boom-like device, in a safe manner.

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Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), [(c),] (d) or (e) 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. *Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days. Subsequent to a conviction under subsection (c) of this section, a special permit may be issued by the Department of Transportation permitting the operation of the motor vehicle or tractor to a point on the Pennsylvania boundary by the shortest distance from the place where the violation occurred.* Such [fine] *fin*es shall be in addition to any penalty imposed by any other section or subsection of this act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 307.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth