

vehicles and their loads, [for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one (1) calendar year,] when operated upon any highway under the jurisdiction of and for the maintenance of which the Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth or local authorities are responsible, whenever any said highway, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions, [will] *may* be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. The Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth and local authorities enacting or making any such ordinance or resolution or rule shall erect, or cause to be erected and maintained, official signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution or rule, at each end of that portion of any highway affected thereby, and at intersections thereof; and the ordinance or resolution or rule shall not be effective until or unless such official signs are erected and maintained, except that local authorities shall have no power or authority to prohibit the operation of vehicles upon a State highway without first obtaining the consent of the Secretary of Highways.

(b) Whenever necessary for the protection of any highway or the safety of traffic thereon, the Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth, or local authorities, may also, by ordinance or resolution or rule, prohibit the operation of motor vehicles, trailers, or semi-trailers on designated highways, as to the weights and loads thereon, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by official signs placed on such highways [and] *at their intersections with highways on which heavier loads are permitted*, except that local authorities shall have no power or authority to prohibit the operation of vehicles upon a State highway without first obtaining the consent of the Secretary of Highways.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 327

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; pre-

scribing 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 requiring certain vehicles and combinations of vehicles to be constructed or equipped to prevent throwing of road surface substances from their rear wheels beyond certain limits.

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

Section 1. 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," is hereby amended by adding, immediately following section eight hundred twenty thereof, a new section to read as follows:

*Section 820.1. Every commercial motor vehicle, and every combination of a commercial motor vehicle and trailer, or of a truck tractor and semi-trailer, when used on a highway, shall be, so constructed or equipped as to bar water or other road surface substances thrown from the rear wheels of such vehicle or combination at tangents exceeding twenty-two and one-half (22½) degrees, measured from the road surface, from passing in a straight line to the rear of such vehicle or combination.*

"The Vehicle Code."

Act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended by adding, immediately following section 820, a new section 820.1.

Certain vehicles and combinations of vehicles required to be constructed or equipped to prevent throwing of road surface substances from their rear wheels beyond certain limits.

## Penalty.

*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 (\$10) dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more five (5) days.

Act effective first day of registration year commencing in 1952.

Section 2. This act shall become effective the first day of the registration year commencing in one thousand nine hundred fifty-two.

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 328

## AN ACT

To further amend subsection (a) of section 722 of 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 including Philippine Pacific War Veterans, Navy Club of the United States and the United States Army Ambulance Corps among the organizations exempt from payment of registration fees of vehicles used by such organizations.

"The Vehicle Code."

Subsection (a) of section 722, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, as last amended by act of May 2, 1949, P. L. 822, and act of May 10, 1949, P. L. 1072, further amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 722 of 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; regis-