

*mon Pleas of Dauphin County or in the court of common pleas of the county in which the defendant may be served in the manner provided for the service of a writ of summons or complaint in an action of assumpsit for depositions, discovery and inspection, and the procedure upon such petition shall be in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure relating to depositions, discovery and inspection.*

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment; and shall apply to all proceedings now pending and to proceedings hereafter instituted.

Act effective immediately.

Applicability.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 121

AN ACT

To further amend subsection (f) of section 813 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, pedestrains, 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 prohibiting the possession of certain certificates of inspection and approval.

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

Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 813 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-

"The Vehicle Code."

Subsection (f) of section 813, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, as last amended by act of August 24, 1951, P. L. 1368, further amended.

tration 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1368), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 813. Official Inspection Stations.—

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(f) It shall be unlawful for any person to furnish, give, or sell to any owner or operator of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, or to any other person, or to place in or on any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, a certificate of inspection and approval, unless an official inspection of its mechanism and equipment shall have been made and the motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, conforms with the provisions of this act. It shall be unlawful for any such designated official inspection station to furnish, loan, give, or sell a certificate or certificates of inspection and approval to any other such designated official inspection station or any other persons, except those entitled to receive them under the provisions of this act. *It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any certificate of inspection and approval with knowledge that such certificate has been illegally purchased, stolen or counterfeited.*

Penalty.—Any owner of an official inspection station who by himself, agent, servant or employe, or any manager, operator, or employe thereof, or any other person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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