

(2) One administrative assistant at a per diem compensation of fifteen dollars (\$15);

(3) One messenger at a per diem compensation of eight dollars (\$8).

Minority Leader
of House:
employes.

Section 26. The following employes of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Minority Leader who, for the purposes of this act, shall be deemed an officer of the House of Representatives, to serve at his pleasure and receive the compensation and perform the duties herein specified:

(1) One secretary at an annual salary of [three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3600)] *four thousand one hundred dollars (\$4100)*;

(2) One administrative assistant at a per diem compensation of fifteen dollars (\$15);

(3) One messenger at a per diem compensation of eight dollars (\$8).

Director of
Legislative Ref-
erence Bureau.

Section 47. The Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau shall receive an annual salary of [nine thousand dollars (\$9000)] *eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000)*.

Act effective
September 1,
1953.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 359

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 694), entitled "An act imposing a tax on gross receipts as an excise on the use of the public highways by certain owners or operators of motor vehicles transporting passengers and property for hire," by providing for certain deductions for the calendar year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three and thereafter; and providing for disposition of taxes, penalties, fines and bail forfeitures collected.

Excise tax on
gross receipts.

Sections 3 and 9,
act of June 22,
1931, P. L. 694,
as last amended
by act of De-
cember 27, 1951,
P. L. 1761,
further amended.

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

Section 1. Sections 3 and 9 of the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 694), entitled "An act imposing a tax on gross receipts as an excise on the use of the public highways by certain owners or operators of motor vehicles transporting passengers and property for hire," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1761), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The amount of excise tax annually to be paid by each company specified in section one of this act shall be as follows: (1) In case of a company operating routes which are entirely within the limits of this Commonwealth, eight (8) mills upon the dollar upon the gross receipts of such company from all operations for the period covered by such report; and (2) in case of a company operating over routes when only a part of such routes lies within this Commonwealth, eight (8) mills upon the dollar upon such portion of the gross receipts of such company as is represented by the ratio that the number of miles of routes operated in this Commonwealth by such company, during the period for which the report is filed, bears to the total number of miles of all routes operated by such company during said period. The provisions hereof shall not be construed as exempting any company from complying with the laws relating to fees payable to the Department of Revenue for the registration of motor vehicles. *In the event that an excise tax shall be paid by any company to any city of this Commonwealth for the use of its highways during the period for which the report is filed, the amount of such tax so paid may be deducted from the amount of tax payable to the Commonwealth, as above computed, upon satisfactory proof to the Department of Revenue of such payment. In addition thereto, where any such company has paid to the Department of Revenue a registration fee or fees, as provided for by the laws of this Commonwealth, upon any motor vehicle or motor vehicles used in the business of carrying passengers or property for hire over the highways of this Commonwealth, it shall receive a credit in each settlement for gross receipts tax made hereunder to the extent of the total amount of the registration fee or fees paid for the calendar year of which the period covered by the settlement was a part.*

Rate of tax.

Deduction
allowed in
certain cases.Credit in
certain cases.

Section 9. All taxes, penalties, interest, and bail forfeited which shall be received, recovered, paid, or collected under the provisions of section three, *division (1)* of this act, *from companies operating routes which are entirely within the limits of this Commonwealth, shall be paid into the State Treasury, through the Department of Revenue, and credited to the General Fund, and all taxes, penalties, interest and bail forfeited which shall be received, recovered, paid or collected under the provisions of section three, division (2) of this act, from companies operating over routes when only a part of such routes*

Disposition of
taxes, penalties,
fines and bail
forfeitures
collected.

lies within the Commonwealth, shall be paid into the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue and credited to the Motor License Fund.

Act effective immediately.

Applicability.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment, and shall apply to the excise tax imposed and payable hereunder for the calendar year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three and thereafter.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 360

AN ACT

Prohibiting the attaching of metal or other hard substances to public utility poles.

Public utilities.

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

Attaching of metal or other hard substances to public utility poles prohibited.

Section 1. It is unlawful to drive a nail or tack or attach any metal or hard substance to or into any pole of a public utility pole line. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, on summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) or undergo imprisonment for ten (10) days.

Penalty for violation.

Acts not prohibited.

This act does not prohibit the public utility company or its licensee using the poles from affixing its metal or other markers or from otherwise using the poles in its public service, nor does it prohibit the attaching of highway reflectors to such poles, nor does it prohibit municipalities from erecting traffic signs and other signs similar thereto when authorized by the owner of such poles or by provision of law.

Act effective January 1, 1954.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE