

islands within the same," in so far as it would prevent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any commission or other public body or municipality, singly or collectively designated by the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, from constructing and maintaining the dams and reservoirs specified in Chapter 443, Public Laws of 1953 of the State of New Jersey, which is hereinbefore set forth in full.

Section 2. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby accepts the terms and conditions of Chapter 443, Public Laws of 1953 of the State of New Jersey hereinbefore set forth, relating to the construction of the dams and reservoir specified in that act, the payment of land damages, costs and expenses, and the payment of taxes to municipalities of the State of New Jersey on land acquired in New Jersey for the purpose set forth in that act.

Acceptance by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of terms and conditions of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. Inasmuch as this act and Chapter 443, Public Laws of 1953 of the State of New Jersey, constitute an agreement between this Commonwealth and the State of New Jersey, the Governor is hereby authorized to apply, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Congress of the United States for its consent and approval of such agreement.

Governor of Pennsylvania authorized to apply to Congress of the United States for its consent and approval.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1955.

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No. 70

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; 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 increasing annual registration fees for certain commercial motor vehicles, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers, prescribing additional equipment requirements for certain vehicles, changing the maximum gross weights and axle loads allowed for certain vehicles, changing the requirements for weighing vehicles and removal of excess loads, prescribing and changing penalties, providing for impoundment and sale of vehicles and loads, imposing duties upon peace officers, magistrates and sheriffs, and authorizing arrests on view.

"The Vehicle Code."

Section 703, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, last amended August 26, 1953, P. L. 1455, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section seven hundred three 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1455), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 703. Commercial Motor Vehicles and Truck Tractors with Pneumatic Tires.—Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors with pneumatic tires, other than those electrically operated, shall be divided into eight (8) classes, and the fee for annual registration of such vehicles in each of the respective classes, based on the gross chassis weight, as given and certified to by the manufacturer, shall be as follows:

Four-Wheeled			Fee.
Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.		
R . . . .	Less than 2000, . . . . .	\$16.50	
S . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .	26.00	
T . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	35.00	
U . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[45.00]	\$55.00
V . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[70.00]	90.00
W . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .	[96.00]	120.00
Y . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[120.00]	190.00
Z . . . .	9000 and over, . . . . .	[175.00]	225.00

Six-Wheeled (3 Axles)			Fee.
Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.		
RZ . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .	[\$40.00]	\$48.00
SZ . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[50.00]	60.00
TZ . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[60.00]	72.00
UZ . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[98.00]	132.00
VZ . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .	168.00	
WZ . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[186.00]	208.00
YZ . . . .	9000 and over, but less than 12000, . . . . .	[215.00]	252.00
ZZ . . . .	12000 and over, . . . . .	[250.00]	300.00

Eight-Wheeled (4 Axles in Pairs) Commercial Vehicles			Fee.
Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.		
RX . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[\$50.00]	\$60.00
SX . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[60.00]	72.00
TX . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[98.00]	\$132.00
UX . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .		168.00
VX . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[186.00]	208.00
WX . . . .	9000 and over, but less than 12000, . . . . .	[215.00]	252.00
YX . . . .	12000 and over, but less than 13500, . . . . .	[250.00]	300.00
ZX . . . .	13500 and over, . . . . .	[275.00]	360.00

Section 2. Section seven hundred four of said act as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 618), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 704, last amended May 26, 1943, P. L. 618, further amended.

Section 704. Commercial Motor Vehicles and Truck Tractors with Solid Rubber or Cushion Rubber Tires.—Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors with solid rubber or cushion rubber tires, approved by the Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth, other than those electrically operated, shall be divided into eight (8) classes, and the fee for the annual registration of such vehicles in each of the respective classes, based on the gross chassis weight as given and certified to by the manufacturer, shall be as follows:

Four-Wheeled			
Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.		Fee.
(Solid Rubber Tires)			
R . . . .	Less than 2000, . . . . .	[\$28.00]	\$30.00
S . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .		45.00
T . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[60.00]	75.00
U . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[75.00]	120.00
V . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[120.00]	170.00
W . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .	[160.00]	225.00
Y . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[204.00]	285.00
Z . . . .	9000 and over, . . . . .	[315.00]	340.00
Six-Wheeled (3 Axles)			
Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.		Fee.
(Solid Rubber Tires)			
RZ . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .	[\$65.00]	\$72.00
SZ . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[75.00]	90.00
TZ . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[90.00]	110.00
UZ . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[158.00]	200.00
VZ . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .		288.00
WZ . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .		311.00
YZ . . .	9000 and over, but less than 12000, . . . . .	[340.00]	375.00
ZZ . . .	12000 and over, . . . . .	[375.00]	450.00

## Four-Wheeled

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds. (Cushion Rubber Tires)		Fee.
R . . . .	Less than 2000, . . . . .		\$25.00
S . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .	[35.00]	37.00
T . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[50.00]	66.00
U . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[60.00]	99.00
V . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[92.00]	140.00
W . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .	[124.00]	177.00
Y . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[156.00]	230.00
Z . . . .	9000 and over, . . . . .	[228.00]	275.00

## Six-Wheeled (3 Axles)

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds. (Cushion Rubber Tires)		Fee.
RZ . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . . . .	[\$55.00]	\$60.00
SZ . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . . . .	[65.00]	75.00
TZ . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . . . .	[70.00]	90.00
UZ . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . . . .	[133.00]	\$162.00
VZ . . . .	6000 and over, but less than 7500, . . . . .		213.00
WZ . . . .	7500 and over, but less than 9000, . . . . .	[236.00]	250.00
YZ . . . .	9000 and over, but less than 12000, . . . . .	[265.00]	300.00
ZZ . . . .	12000 and over, . . . . .	[300.00]	360.00

Section 3. Section seven hundred six of said act as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1557), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 706, last amended September 28, 1951, P. L. 1557, further amended.

Section 706. Trailers and Semi-Trailers.—Trailers and semi-trailers equipped with pneumatic or solid rubber or cushion rubber tires approved by the Secretary of Highways shall be divided into seven (7) classes, and the fee for annual registration of such vehicles in each of the respective classes, based on the combined weight

of chassis and body, if so constructed, or the gross weight of the trailer or semi-trailer exclusive of the load to be transported, shall be as follows:

## Two-Wheeled Semi-Trailer

Class.	Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment.		Fee.	Solid.		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.				
A . . . .	Less than 1000, . . .	[\$5.00]	\$10.00	[\$6.00]	\$12.00	[\$8.00]	\$15.00
B . . . .	1000 and over, but less than 2000, . . .	[10.00]	30.00	[10.00]	35.00	[15.00]	40.00
C . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . .	[15.00]	45.00	[20.00]	60.00	[25.00]	75.00
D . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . .	[25.00]	57.00	[30.00]	75.00	[35.00]	95.00
E . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . .	[30.00]	73.00	[40.00]	95.00	[50.00]	115.00
F . . . .	5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . .	[45.00]	88.00	[60.00]	110.00	[75.00]	135.00
G . . . .	6000 and over, . . . .	[75.00]	125.00	[85.00]	150.00	[100.00]	175.00

## Four-Wheeled (2 Axles) Trailer or Semi-Trailer

Class.	Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment.		Fee.	Solid.		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.				
A . . . .	Less than 1000, . . .	[\$5.00]	\$10.00	[\$6.00]	\$12.00	[\$8.00]	\$15.00
B . . . .	1000 and over, but less than 2000, . . .	[8.00]	30.00	[10.00]	32.00	[15.00]	40.00
C . . . .	2000 and over, but less than 3000, . . .	[15.00]	45.00	[20.00]	60.00	[25.00]	75.00
D . . . .	3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . .	[25.00]	57.00	[30.00]	75.00	[35.00]	95.00
E . . . .	4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . .	[30.00]	72.00	[40.00]	95.00	[50.00]	115.00

F . . . .5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . .	[45.00]	88.00	[60.00]	110.00	[75.00]	135.00
G . . . .6000 and over, . . . .	[75.00]	125.00	[85.00]	150.00	[100.00]	175.00

## Six-Wheeled (3 Axles) Trailer

Class.	Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment.		Fee.		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.	Solid.		
AZ . . . .Less than 3000, . . .	[40.00]	\$45.00	[\$45.00]	\$50.00	[\$50.00]	\$55.00
BZ . . . .3000 and over, but less than 4000, . . .	[45.00]	55.00	[50.00]	60.00	[60.00]	67.00
CZ . . . .4000 and over, but less than 5000, . . .	[50.00]	75.00	[60.00]	85.00	[70.00]	90.00
DZ . . . .5000 and over, but less than 6000, . . .	[60.00]	97.00	[75.00]	105.00	[90.00]	120.00
EZ . . . .6000 and over, but less than 7000, . . .	[75.00]	112.00	[100.00]	120.00	[125.00]	135.00
FZ . . . .7000 and over, but less than 9000, . . .	[85.00]	127.00	[110.00]	140.00	[135.00]	155.00
GZ . . . .9000 and over, . . . .	[100.00]	150.00	[125.00]	160.00	[150.00]	180.00

Section 4. Section eight hundred eleven of said act as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2329), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 811, last amended June 29, 1937, P. L. 2329, further amended.

## Section 811. Brakes.—

(a) Every [motor] vehicle using the highways of this Commonwealth, *except trailers and semi-trailers having chassis and body weights of less than one thousand (1000) pounds*, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of, and to stop and to hold such vehicle. *Brakes shall be capable of stopping the vehicle and its load, if any, traveling at a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour upon a dry, hard, approximately level*

*stretch of highway, free from loose material, where the grade does not exceed one (1) per centum, within the following distances; namely, fifty-five (55) feet for emergency brakes, forty (40) feet for service brakes effective upon less than all wheels, and thirty (30) feet for service brakes effective upon all wheels. Brakes shall be maintained in good working order and so adjusted upon vehicles, other than motorcycles and bicycles with motors attached, as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the vehicles. [including] Emergency brakes shall be adequate to hold such vehicle or vehicles stationary upon any grade upon which operated.*

*(b) Every motor vehicle using the highways of this Commonwealth, except motorcycles and bicycles with motors attached, shall be equipped with two (2) separate means of applying the brakes [each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two (2) wheels. If these two (2) separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way they shall be] so constructed that failure of any one (1) part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the motor vehicle without operative brakes on at least two (2) wheels. One such means shall be \*an emergency brake employing a ratchet and pawl, or other suitable locking and releasing mechanism, effective to lock at least two (2) rear wheels on opposite sides of the vehicle. The other such means shall be a service brake effective upon all wheels of every such motor vehicle sold new in this Commonwealth on or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, and upon at least two (2) wheels of every other such motor vehicle.*

*[(b)] (c) Every motorcycle, and bicycle with motor attached, using the highways of this Commonwealth, shall be provided with at least one (1) brake, which may be operated by hand or foot.*

*[(c)] (d) Every combination of a commercial motor vehicle and trailer, or truck tractor and semi-trailer, [having a chassis and body weight of one thousand (1000) pounds or more,] when operated upon a highway, shall be equipped with brakes [adequate to control the movement of, and to stop and to hold, such vehicle for at least fifteen (15) minutes, and] so designed as to be applied upon both vehicles by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab. [and said] The brakes shall be so designed and connected that, in case of an accidental breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes thereof shall be automatically applied, and stop and hold such vehicle for at least fifteen (15) minutes.*

\* "a" in original.



[(d) Every new motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer sold in this Commonwealth on and after January first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, and operated upon the highways, shall be equipped with service brakes upon all wheels of every such vehicle, except any motorcycle, and except that any semi-trailer having a chassis and body weight of less than one thousand (1000) pounds need not be equipped with brakes.

(e) On a dry, hard, approximately level stretch of highway, free from loose material, where the grade does not exceed one (1) per centum, the service brakes upon any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, except as herein provided, shall be adequate to stop such vehicle or vehicles, when traveling at a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour, within a distance of thirty (30) feet or at a rate corresponding to such performance.

(f) Under the above conditions, the emergency brake shall be adequate to stop such vehicle or vehicles within a distance of fifty-five (55) feet, and said emergency brake shall be adequate to hold such vehicle or vehicles stationary upon any grade upon which operated.

(g) Under the above conditions, the service brakes upon a motor vehicle equipped with two wheel brakes only, and when permitted hereunder, shall be adequate to stop the vehicle within a distance of forty (40) feet, and the emergency brake shall be adequate to stop the vehicle within a distance of fifty-five (55) feet.

(h) All braking distances specified in this section shall apply to all vehicles mentioned, whether such vehicles are not loaded or are loaded to the maximum capacity permitted under this act.

(i) All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the vehicle.]

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 (\$25) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section \*5. Section nine hundred three of said act as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 328), and amended in part by the acts, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1412), the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1557), the twenty-fifth day

Section 903, last amended April 27, 1945, P. L. 328, and in part May 18, 1949, P. L. 1412, September 28, 1951, P. L. 1557, July 25, 1953, P. L. 554, August 26, 1953, P. L. 1455, further amended.

of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 554), and by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1455), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 903. Weight of Vehicles and Loads.—

(a) Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, other than those electrically operated, shall not be used or operated on any highway with gross weight exceeding those specified for the several classes and weights of chassis as follows:

Four-Wheeled (2 Axles) Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
R....	Less than 2000, .....	5000
S....	2000 and over, but less than 3000, .....	7000
T....	3000 and over, but less than 4000, .....	11000
U....	4000 and over, but less than 5000, .....	[15000] 16500
V....	5000 and over, but less than 6000, .....	[19000] 21000
W....	6000 and over, but less than 7500, .....	[23000] 26000
Y....	7500 and over, but less than 9000, .....	[27000] 30000
Z ...	9000 and over, .....	[30000] 33000
Six-Wheeled (3 Axles) Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
RZ...	2000 and over, but less than 3000, ....	12000
SZ...	3000 and over, but less than 4000, ....	14000
TZ...	4000 and over, but less than 5000, ....	16000
UZ...	5000 and over, but less than 6000, .....	[24000] 26000
VZ...	6000 and over, but less than 7500, .....	[28000] 31000
WZ...	7500 and over, but less than 9000, .....	[32000] 36000
YZ...	9000 and over, but less than 12000, .....	[36000] 40000
ZZ...	12000 and over, .....	[40000] 47000
Eight-Wheeled (4 Axles in Pairs) Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Commercial Vehicles Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
RX...	3000 and over, but less than 4000, ....	14000
SX...	4000 and over, but less than 5000, ....	16000
TX...	5000 and over, but less than 6000 .....	[24000] 26000

UX...6000 and over, but less than 7500, .....	[28000]	31000
VX...7500 and over, but less than 9000, .....	[32000]	36000
WX...9000 and over, but less than 12000, .....	[36000]	40000
YX...12000 and over, but less than 13500, .....	[40000]	47000
ZX...13500 and over, .....		60000

(b) Electrically operated commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors shall not be used or operated on any highway with gross weight exceeding those specified for the several classes as follows:

Four-Wheeled (2 Axles) Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
R .....	5000
S .....	7000
T .....	11000
U .....	15000
V .....	18000
W .....	22000
Y .....	25000
Z .....	26000

Six-Wheeled (3 Axles) Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
RZ .....	12000
SZ .....	14000
TZ .....	16000
UZ .....	22000
VZ .....	26000
WZ .....	30000
YZ .....	34000
ZZ .....	36000

(c) Trailers and semi-trailers, except trailers designed and used exclusively for living quarters, shall not be used or operated on any highway with gross weight exceeding those specified for the several classes as follows:

Four-Wheeled (2 Axles) Class.	Weight in Pounds.	Trailer or Semi-Trailer Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
A....Less than 1000, .....		3000
B...1000 and over, but less than 2000, .....		6000
C...2000 and over, but less than 3000, .....		10000
D...3000 and over, but less than 4000, .....		16000
E...4000 and over, but less than 5000, .....		20000
F...5000 and over, but less than 6000, .....		24000
G...6000 and over, .....	[26000]	36000

Six-Wheeled (3 Axles) Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
AZ...Less than 3000, .....	Weight in Pounds.	12000
BZ...3000 and over, but less than 4000, .....		15000
CZ...4000 and over, but less than 5000, .....		20000
DZ...5000 and over, but less than 6000, .....		26000
EZ...6000 and over, but less than 7000, .....		30000
FZ...7000 and over, but less than 9000, .....		34000
GZ...9000 and over, .....	[36000]	47000

Two-Wheeled (1 Axle) Semi-Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
A....Less than 1000, .....	Weight in Pounds.	3000
B....1000 and over, but less than 2000, ....		8000
C....2000 and over, but less than 3000, .....		10000
D....3000 and over, but less than 4000, .....		12000
E....4000 and over, but less than 5000, .....		14000
F....5000 and over, but less than 6000, .....		16000
G....6000 and over, .....	[18000]	22400

(d) [No two-wheeled vehicle, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with gross weight in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire.] *Whenever two vehicles are used or operated as a combination on any highway, the gross weight of the combination shall not exceed the sum of the maximum gross weights allowed for the respective vehicles and, in addition, the gross weight of the combination shall not exceed the gross weight specified as follows:*

Combination.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
<i>Truck tractor and single-axle semi-trailer....</i>	50000
<i>Truck tractor and two-axle semi-trailer.....</i>	60000
<i>Commercial motor vehicle and trailer.....</i>	62000

(e) [No four-wheeled vehicle, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of thirty thousand (30,000) pounds, or in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on any axle, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel.] *Maximum gross weights, provided in this section, are allowed only under conditions where no other restrictions are provided in this act or in any other laws regulating maximum gross weights of vehicles.*

(f) [No six or more wheeled vehicle with a single front axle and a pair of rear axles, except fire department equipment and motor buses and motor omnibuses, shall be operated upon any highway with gross weight

in excess of forty thousand (40,000) pounds, or \*weight in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds on the front axle, or in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, on any one of the rear axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel; and the two rear axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.] *No vehicle shall be operated upon any highway with weight in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds upon any axle less than seventy-two (72) inches from any other axle, or with weight in excess of twenty-two thousand four hundred (22,400) pounds upon any other axle, or with weight in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds upon any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel.*

[(f.1) No six or more wheeled vehicle with a pair of front axles and a single rear axle, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with gross weight in excess of forty thousand (40,000) pounds, or weight in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on the rear axle, or twelve thousand (12,000) pounds on any one of the front axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel; and the two front axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.

(f.2) No eight or more wheeled vehicle with a pair of front axles, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of the maximum gross weight now or hereafter allowed for a truck, tractor and semi-trailer combined, under the provisions of section 903 and its amendments, or weight in excess of thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds on any pair of axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel. Any pair of axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.

(g) No truck tractor and semi-trailer combined, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) pounds, or in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on any axle, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel; axle or axles of semi-trailer shall not be less than ninety-six (96) inches from the axle of the truck tractor.] *No vehicle with four or more wheels shall be operated upon any highway unless any two axles be at least thirty-six (36) inches apart. No truck tractor and semi-trailer shall be oper-*

\* "weight" omitted in original.

ated as a combination on any highway unless the rear-most axle of the truck tractor and the foremost axle of the semi-trailer be at least ninety-six (96) inches apart.

(h) [No commercial motor vehicle and trailer combined, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of sixty-two thousand (62,000) pounds, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel.] *None of the restrictions provided in this section shall be applicable to fire department equipment or to any motor bus or motor omnibus.*

[(i) Maximum gross weights provided in this section are permissible only under conditions where no other restrictions are provided in this act, or in any other laws regulating the gross maximum weight of vehicles.]

Penalty.—Any person operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles, [except motor buses and motor omnibuses,] upon any highway, with a gross weight or with weight on any [pair of axles or on any one] axle or wheel exceeding by more than [five (5)] *three (3)* per centum the maximum weight allowed in that particular case [and not exceeding by more than ten (10) per centum the maximum weight allowed], shall [in each case], upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay *the costs of prosecution and* a fine [of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days, and any person operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles, except motor buses and motor omnibuses, on any highway with a gross weight or with weight on any \* pair of axles or on any one axle or wheel exceeding by more than ten (10) per centum the maximum weight allowed in that particular case, shall in each case, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.] *for each and every pound of excess above the maximum weight allowed according to the following schedule:*

<i>If the excess is.</i>	<i>The fine shall be.</i>
<i>Not over 3000 pounds, . . . . .</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Over 3000 pounds, but not over 3500 pounds, ..</i>	<i>120.00</i>
<i>Over 3500 pounds, but not over 4000 pounds, ..</i>	<i>140.00</i>
<i>Over 4000 pounds, but not over 4500 pounds, ..</i>	<i>240.00</i>
<i>Over 4500 pounds, but not over 5000 pounds, ..</i>	<i>270.00</i>
<i>Over 5000 pounds, but not over 5500 pounds, ..</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>Over 5500 pounds, but not over 6000 pounds, ..</i>	<i>440.00</i>
<i>Over 6000 pounds, but not over 6500 pounds, ..</i>	<i>600.00</i>

\* "one" deleted from original.

*For each additional 500 pounds, or part thereof, over 6500 pounds, \$600.00 plus \$50.00 for each additional 500 pounds, or part thereof: Provided That, in any case, in which there shall be concurrent violations of more than one of the clauses of this section prescribing maximum weights the penalty imposed shall be for violation of that clause which produces the greatest fine, but no penalty shall be imposed for violation of any other such clause.*

*Any person operating a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, in violation of clause (g) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars.*

*In default of payment of any fine and costs of prosecution imposed, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this penalty clause, the magistrate shall impound the vehicle, or combination of vehicles, and order the arresting officer, or other peace officer, to seize them. The magistrate shall, forthwith, notify the sheriff of the county wherein the violation occurred, who shall store the impounded vehicle, or combination of vehicles. The sheriff's costs, storage costs, and all other costs incident to impounding, shall be deemed additional costs of prosecution. The sheriff shall give immediate notice by telegram and registered mail, return receipt requested, of the impoundment and location of the vehicle, or combination of vehicles, to the owner of said vehicle, or combination of vehicles, and the owner of the load if said owners' names and addresses are known or can be ascertained by the sheriff.*

*The title to the load shall remain in the owner thereof and he shall be entitled to repossess it at any time upon presentation of proof of such ownership to the sheriff. If the load shall spoil during possession by the Commonwealth, the loss shall be upon the owner thereof, subject to any right of recovery of damages at common law that he may have against the owner of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and the cost of disposition thereof shall be deemed an additional cost of prosecution. In case any vehicle or combination of vehicles impounded or the load thereon as aforesaid, shall remain unredeemed, in the case of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and unclaimed, in the case of a load, for a period of sixty (60) days after notice of impoundment is given as aforesaid, the same shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall be disposed of by the sheriff upon order of the magistrate, in accordance with the procedures outlined in section four of the act, approved the third day of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws 263), with the exception that the*

*reference to a court therein contained for the purposes of this act, shall be construed to mean magistrate: And provided further, That the proceeds of such sale after the payment of encumbrances shall be applied to the payment of fine and costs and the balance thereof shall be remitted to the owner.*

*For the enforcement of this section all peace officers shall have the power to arrest on view for violation of any of the provisions of this section.*

Section 904, last amended August 24, 1951, P. L. 1368, further amended.

Section \*6. Section nine hundred four of said act as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1368), is further amended to read as follows:

Section 904. Officers May Weigh Vehicles and Require Removal of Excess Load.—Any peace officer who shall be in uniform, and shall exhibit his badge or other sign of authority, having reason to believe that the *gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles or the weight upon any axle or pair of axles thereof* [and load] is unlawful, is authorized to weigh the same, either by means of portable or stationary scales, or may require that such vehicle or combination of vehicles be driven to the nearest stationary scales in the event such scales are within a distance of two (2) miles. [The] *If the gross weight or weight upon any axle shall exceed the maximum weight allowed therefor* the peace officer may [then] *and if such excess is more than three (3) per centum of such maximum weight allowed he shall require the operator to* [unload immediately such portion of the load as may be necessary to decrease the gross weight of such vehicle or combination of vehicles] *reduce the load so as to bring the gross weight or weight upon an axle to not more than the maximum* [gross] *weight allowed* [specified in this act] except as herein provided for special permits. [And further provided, That no arrest shall be made, or information brought in cases where the maximum gross weights provided in this act are not exceeded by more than five (5) per centum thereof.]

Penalty.—Any [person refusing to unload excess weight when so ordered or violating any of] *operator who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of a peace officer given pursuant to the* [other] provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of [fifty (\$50)] *one hundred (\$100)* dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than [five (5)] *thirty (30)* days. *In addition to the foregoing penalty the Secretary may suspend the operating privilege of the operator for a period of thirty (30) days.*

\* "7" in original.



Section 7. Sections one, two and three of this act shall become effective the first day of the registration year commencing in one thousand nine hundred fifty-six. \*Section four \*\* of this act shall become effective the first day of the registration year commencing in one thousand nine hundred fifty-seven. Sections \*\*\*five and six of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Effective dates of sections of this act.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 71

### AN ACT

Amending the act of May three, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 134), entitled "An act making the proceedings of the conventions of the Departments of Pennsylvania of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans a part of the public records of the State; and providing for their publication and distribution," including The Society of the 28th Division A. E. F. among the veterans organizations entitled to the printing of convention reports.

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

War Veterans.

Section 1. Section one, act of May three, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 134), entitled "An act making the proceedings of the conventions of the Departments of Pennsylvania of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans a part of the public records of the State; and providing for their publication and distribution," amended May twenty, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1487), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1, act of May 3, 1923, P. L. 134, amended May 20, 1949, P. L. 1487, further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever the department commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, the American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), Military Order of the Purple Heart, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Inc., *The Society of the 28th Division A. E. F.* and the Marine Corps League, shall report to the Department of Property and Supplies the proceedings of the annual en-

Report of proceedings of annual conventions.

\* "Sections" in original.

\*\* "and five" in original.

\*\*\* "six" and "seven" in original.