

Exclusive jurisdiction over lands.

Section 2. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid lands is hereby ceded to the United States of America by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock yards and other needful buildings, with the exception of roads abutting on said lands to be used by the United States for military and other public purposes, which are not already under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Concurrent jurisdiction for civil and criminal processes.

Section 3. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States of America is granted upon the express condition that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States, in and over the lands and buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil process in all cases and such criminal process as may issue, under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against anyone charged with crime committed outside said land, may be executed thereon in the same manner as if this jurisdiction had not been ceded. The United States shall retain such jurisdiction so long as the said land shall be used for the purposes for which jurisdiction is ceded and no longer.

Reservation of constitutional powers of taxation.

Section 4. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States shall be upon the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves, to itself and its political subdivisions, whatever power of taxation it may constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions upon property, persons and franchises within the boundaries so ceded.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 272

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, 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," exempting war amputees and paralytics from the payment of certain fees in connection with motor vehicles.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section seven hundred twenty-two, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended, in part, August seventeen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1264), and amended August twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1352), is amended to read:

Subsection (a), section 722, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended, in part, August 17, 1951, P. L. 1264, and amended August 24, 1951, P. L. 1352, further amended.

Section 722. Exemptions from Fees.—

(a) No fee shall be charged for a certificate of title or registration of motor vehicles, fire department equipment, trailers and semi-trailers owned by and used exclusively in the performance of the duties of—(a) the Federal Government, (b) any state, other than Pennsylvania, which issues titles or registrations to this Commonwealth without charge, (c) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (d) any city, borough, incorporated town, township, county, poor or school district of this Commonwealth, (e) any duly authorized volunteer fire force, in the extinguishment and prevention of fires or in rescue work, hospital, humane society, or anti-cruelty society in this Commonwealth, (f) the American Red Cross, (g) churches, (h) Girl Scouts of America, (i) Boy Scouts of America, (j) Salvation Army, (k) duly chartered post organization or combination of organizations of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Philippine Pacific War Veterans, Navy Club of the United States, United States Army Ambulance Corps, Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), the Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Inc., or United Spanish War Veterans, of this Commonwealth, or La Société Des Forty Hommes et Eight Chevaux, and organizations and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard, (l) mine or industrial ambulances, (m) ambassadors, ministers, foreign consuls, general consuls and vice *consuls who

* "counsuls" in original.

are nationals of the country appointing them, and who are assigned to foreign consulates in this Commonwealth: Provided, That American consular officers of equal rank, who are citizens of the United States, and who exercise their official functions at American consulates in such foreign country, are granted reciprocal exemptions. No fee shall be charged for certificates of title or registration of [motor vehicles] *one motor vehicle* owned and used by [war amputees which were obtained through the Veterans' Administration] *any veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or armed conflict in which it was engaged and who lost a limb or became paralyzed as a result of such service.* All such vehicles, except those owned and used by the Federal Government, shall be titled and registered, and shall display registration plates as is now provided for privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

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No. 273

AN ACT

Amending the act of April twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act regulating the investment of funds by administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers of the State Government," increasing the investment powers of State administrative departments, boards, commissions, or officers.

Investments.

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

Section 1, act of April 25, 1929, P. L. 723, amended August 26, 1953, P. L. 1459, further amended by adding a new subsection (15).

Section 1. Section one, act of April twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act regulating the investment of funds by administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers of the State Government," amended August twenty-six, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1459), is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subsection to read:

Types of securities made lawful investments for State administrative departments, boards and commissions.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any administrative department, board, commission, or officer of the State Government, authorized by law to make investments of funds in the custody or under the control of such department, board, commission, or officer, excepting