

or agreements with any person, firm, institution or corporation as well as any State or Federal agency which the board deems wise, necessary and expedient in carrying out its objectives, but the board, in so far as it is practicable, shall make such contracts or agreements with persons, associations and institutions located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The board may, subject to the approval of the Governor, make grants to public and private scientific schools, institutions and associations which have the necessary existing research laboratory facilities for the accomplishment of its powers and, to this end, it may use any matching or donated funds available from the Federal government, private or philanthropic concerns, associations and institutions.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is hereby appropriated to the Department of Mines for the use of the Coal Research Board in the administration of this act.

Act effective immediately.

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

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 652

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 Common-

wealth, 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," further regulating the speed of certain vehicles.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 1002, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended June five, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 399), is amended to read:

Subsection (c), section 1002, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended June 5, 1947, P. L. 399, further amended.

Section 1002. Restrictions as to Speed.—

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(c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for the following kinds, types, and classes of vehicles to be operated at a greater speed than hereinafter provided, except when such vehicles are being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a Turnpike Commission in which case subject to speed restrictions by such Turnpike Commission as hereinbefore provided the maximum speed limits shall be twenty miles per hour greater than hereinafter provided.

[Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors R class, fifty miles per hour.]

Motor buses and omnibuses, fifty miles per hour.

[Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors S, T and U classes, forty miles per hour.]

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors V and W classes, thirty-five miles per hour.

All other commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, thirty miles per hour.

All combinations of commercial motor vehicles or truck tractors and trailers or semi-trailers, thirty miles per hour.] *All commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, all combinations of commercial motor vehicles or truck tractors and trailers or semi-trailers, fifty miles per hour on highways having four or more lanes, or forty miles per hour on highways having less than four lanes.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1956.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 1st day of June, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER