

## AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 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," providing that certain refrigerating devices shall be disregarded in measuring the length of semi-trailers.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Subsection (c), section 902, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended March 6, 1956, P. L. 1225, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 902 of the act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended by the act of March 6, 1956 (P. L. 1225), is amended to read:

Section 902. Size of Vehicles and Loads.—

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(c) No vehicle, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, shall exceed a total maximum length, including any load thereon, of four hundred twenty (420) inches, excepting that a semi-trailer designed exclusively for carrying motor vehicles, may exceed such total maximum length by not more than thirty (30) inches, and *excepting that a refrigerating device attached to the front exterior of a semi-trailer shall be disregarded in measuring the length of the semi-trailer, if the presence or absence of such device would not affect the length of the combination of vehicles in which such semi-trailer is operated.* [no] No combination of two (2) vehicles, inclusive of load and bumpers, coupled together, shall exceed a total maximum length of six hundred (600) inches, excepting that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the transportation by a combination of vehicles of articles impossible of dismemberment, which do not exceed seventy (70) feet.

1. No motor vehicle shall be operated upon a highway drawing, or having attached thereto, more than one

other vehicle: Provided, That a trailer not exceeding ten (10) feet in length may be attached to one motor vehicle for the purpose of towing another vehicle requiring service, to which such trailer is also attached.

2. The distance between any two vehicles, one of which is towing or drawing the other, shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet from one vehicle to the other, except when the load on the towed vehicle is coupled directly to and is not more than five (5) feet from the towing vehicle. Whenever the connection consists of a chain, rope, bar or cable, there shall be displayed, upon such connection, a flag not less than twelve (12) inches in length and width. Every trailer, while being drawn upon the highway, shall be so attached to the vehicle drawing the same as to prevent the wheels of such trailer from deflecting more than six (6) inches from the path of the drawing vehicle's wheels.

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APPROVED—The 21st day of June, A. D. 1957.

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No. 204

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 349), entitled "An act requiring political subdivisions to refund taxes and license fees erroneously and inadvertently paid thereto, and giving a right of action against such political subdivision for the recovery of such taxes and fees upon their failure to make such refunds; making the provisions of the act retroactive; and repealing existing laws," further providing for refunds of certain taxes, license fees, penalties, fines and moneys by political subdivisions, and providing procedure for obtaining such refunds.

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

Taxes and  
license fees.

Section 1. The title of the act of May 21, 1943 (P. L. 349), entitled "An act requiring political subdivisions to refund taxes and license fees erroneously and inadvertently paid thereto, and giving a right of action against such political subdivision for the recovery of such taxes and fees upon their failure to make such refunds; making the provisions of the act retroactive; and repealing existing laws," is amended to read

Title of act of  
May 21, 1943,  
P. L. 349,  
amended.

An Act

Requiring political subdivisions to refund *certain* taxes [and], license fees [erroneously and inadvertently], *penalties, fines or moneys* paid thereto, and [giving a

Title.