

main; empowering said Authority to sell and convey projects and property to the Commonwealth; and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; and making an appropriation," providing that bonds bear a facsimile of the corporate seal.

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

State Highway
and Bridge
Authority Act.

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 6, act of April 18, 1949 (P. L. 604), known as the "State Highway and Bridge Authority Act," is amended to read:

First paragraph,
section 6, act of
April 18, 1949,
P. L. 604,
amended.

Section 6. Purposes and Powers; Bonds.—The bonds of the Authority, hereinabove referred to and authorized to be issued, shall be authorized by resolution of the board and shall be of such series, bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty (30) years from their respective dates, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, be in such denominations, be in such form, either coupon or fully registered without coupons, carry such registration, exchangeability and interchangeability privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places, be subject to such terms of redemption at such prices not exceeding one hundred five per centum of the principal amount thereof, and be entitled to such priorities in the revenues, rentals or receipts of such Authority as such resolution or resolutions may provide. The bonds shall be signed by such officers as the Authority shall determine *and shall bear a facsimile of the corporate seal*, and coupon bonds shall have attached thereto interest coupons bearing the facsimile signature of the treasurer of the Authority, all as may be prescribed in such resolution or resolutions. Any such bonds may be issued and delivered notwithstanding that one or more of the officers signing such bonds, or the treasurer whose facsimile signature shall be upon the coupons or any thereof, shall have ceased to be such officer or officers at the time when such bonds shall actually be delivered.

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APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

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No. 384

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts

relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," prescribing the fees for annual registration and the maximum gross weights of three-axle semi-trailers, changing the maximum gross weight of certain combinations of vehicles, prescribing distances between axles and maximum axle weights, changing registration fees and changing fines for overweight in certain cases, and conferring certain powers on the Secretary of Highways and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission relating to maximum weights.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Second table in section 704, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, and section 707-B of act, amended and renumbered section 707, December 17, 1959, P. L. 1920, further amended.

Section 1. The second table in section 704, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," and section 707-B of said act, amended and renumbered section 707, December 17, 1959 (P. L. 1920), are amended to read:

Section 704. 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 maximum gross weight, shall be as follows:

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(3 Axles)

Class		Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Fee	
<i>Commercial Motor Vehicle.</i>	<i>Truck Tractor.</i>		<i>Commercial Motor Vehicle.</i>	<i>Truck Tractor.</i>
RZ	RT	12,000	\$48.00	\$48.00
SZ	ST	14,000	60.00	60.00
TZ	TT	16,000	72.00	72.00
UZ	UT	26,000	132.00	132.00
VZ	VT	31,000	168.00	168.00
WZ	WT	36,000	208.00	248.00
YZ	YT	40,000	252.00	300.00
ZZ	ZT	47,000	300.00	360.00

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Section 707. 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 gross weight of the trailer or semi-trailer and the load to be transported, shall be as follows:

Two- Wheeled Semi- Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment Fee		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.	Solid.
A	3,000	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
B	8,000	30.00	35.00	40.00
C	10,000	45.00	60.00	75.00
D	12,000	57.00	75.00	95.00
E	14,000	73.00	95.00	115.00
F	16,000	88.00	110.00	135.00
G	22,400	125.00	150.00	175.00

Four- Wheeled (2 Axles) Trailer or Semi- Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment Fee		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.	Solid.
A	3,000	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
B	6,000	30.00	32.00	40.00
C	10,000	45.00	60.00	75.00
D	16,000	57.00	75.00	95.00
E	20,000	72.00	95.00	115.00
F	24,000	88.00	110.00	135.00
G	36,000	125.00	150.00	175.00

Six- Wheeled (3 Axles) Trailer or Semi- Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.	Tire Equipment Fee		
		Pneumatic.	Cushion.	Solid.
AZ	12,000	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
BZ	15,000	55.00	60.00	67.00
CZ	20,000	75.00	85.00	90.00
DZ	26,000	97.00	105.00	120.00
EZ	30,000	112.00	120.00	135.00
FZ	34,000	127.00	140.00	155.00
GZ	47,000	150.00	160.00	180.00

Section 2. Subsection (c) of section 903 of the act, amended December 17, 1959 (P. L. 1920) and subsections (d), (f) and (g) of section 903 of the act, are amended to read:

Section 903. Weight of Vehicles, Tractors and Loads.—

Subsection (c), section 903 of act, amended December 17, 1959, P. L. 1920, and subsections (d), (f) and (g), section 903 of act, further amended.

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(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 [and date when originally titled] as follows:

Four-Wheeled (2 Axles) Trailer or Semi-Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight In Pounds.
A	3,000
B	6,000
C	10,000
D	16,000
E	20,000
F	24,000
G	36,000
Six-Wheeled (3 Axles) Trailer or Semi-Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight In Pounds.
AZ	12,000
BZ	15,000
CZ	20,000
DZ	26,000
EZ	30,000
FZ	34,000
GZ	47,000
Two-Wheeled (1 Axle) Semi-Trailer Class.	Maximum Gross Weight In Pounds.
A	3,000
B	8,000
C	10,000
D	12,000
E	14,000
F	16,000
G	22,400

(d) Whenever two (2) 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.
[Truck] <i>Two-axle truck</i> tractor and single-axle semi-trailer	50,000
[Truck] <i>Two-axle truck</i> tractor and two-axle semi-trailer	60,000
[Commercial] <i>Two-axle commercial</i> motor vehicle and <i>two-axle</i> trailer	62,000

Combination having five or more axles with not less than two axles on each vehicle . . . 71,145

Whenever necessary for the protection of any highway or for the safety of traffic thereon, the Secretary of Highways shall have power to limit the maximum gross weight of combinations of vehicles operated thereon, which limitation shall be designated on official signs placed on such highway at its intersections with highways on which heavier maximum gross weights are permitted.

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(f) No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be operated upon any highway with weight in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds upon any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel or with weight [in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds] upon each of 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] two adjacent axles in excess of that specified as follows:

<i>If the Distance Between Two Adjacent Axles Is:</i>		<i>Maximum Axle Weight In Pounds Upon One of Two Adjacent Axles.</i>	<i>Other of Two Adjacent Axles.</i>
<i>At Least</i>	<i>But Less Than.</i>		
<i>36 inches,</i>	<i>72 inches,</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>18,000</i>
<i>72 inches,</i>	<i>96 inches,</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>22,400</i>
<i>96 inches.</i>		<i>22,400</i>	<i>22,400</i>

(g) No [vehicle with four (4) or more wheels] semi-trailer originally titled in this Commonwealth on or after September 1, 1963, and having two or more axles shall be operated upon any highway unless [any two (2) axles be at least thirty-six (36) inches apart. No truck tractor and semi-trailer shall be operated as a combination on any highway unless the rearmost axle of the truck tractor and] the foremost axle of the semi-trailer shall be at least [ninety-six (96) inches apart] one hundred forty-four (144) inches from the rearmost axle of the towing vehicle.

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Penalty.—Any person operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles, upon any highway, with a gross weight or with weight on any axle or wheel exceeding by more than three (3) percent the maximum weight allowed in that particular case, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay the

costs of prosecution and a fine for all excess above the maximum weight allowed according to the following schedule:

If the excess is	The fine shall be
Not over 3,000 pounds,	\$60.00
Over 3,000 pounds, but not over 3,500 pounds,	120.00
Over 3,500 pounds, but not over 4,000 pounds,	140.00
Over 4,000 pounds, but not over 4,500 pounds,	240.00
Over 4,500 pounds, but not over 5,000 pounds,	270.00
Over 5,000 pounds, but not over 5,500 pounds,	400.00
Over 5,500 pounds, but not over 6,000 pounds,	440.00
Over 6,000 pounds, but not over 6,500 pounds,	600.00

If the excess is over six thousand five hundred (6,500) pounds, the fine shall be six hundred dollars (\$600.00) plus fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each additional five hundred (500) pounds, or part thereof, over such six thousand five hundred (6,500) pounds: Provided, That in any case in which the gross weight of a combination of vehicles exceeds by more than three (3) per cent the seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-five (71,145) pound maximum gross weight allowed therefor, the fine shall be double the amount determined as hereinabove prescribed for other weight violations: And provided further, That in any case, in which there shall be concurrent violations of more than one (1) of the subsections of this section prescribing maximum weights, the penalty imposed shall be for violation of that subsection which produces the greatest fine, but no penalty shall be imposed for violation of any other such subsection.

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 Common-

wealth, 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 4 of the act, approved the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1941 (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.

Any person operating a vehicle or combination of vehicles in violation of subsection (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 dollars (\$25.00).

Any person operating a tractor in violation of subsection (h) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

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 3. Section 1036 of the act is amended by adding, after subsection (a), a new subsection to read:

Section 1036 of act, amended by adding a new subsection (a.1).

Section 1036. Regulation of Traffic on Pennsylvania Turnpike.—

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(a.1) On and after September 1, 1963, the maximum gross weight at which any vehicle or combination of vehicles may operate upon any such turnpike or highway shall be reduced to seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds, unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles shall have a special written permit from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The power of that commission to issue such special permit shall be the same as that conferred upon the Secretary of Highways by section 905 of this act as to highways within

his jurisdiction, except that such commission shall prescribe its own schedule of special permit fees.

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Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 13th day of August, A. D. 1963.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 385

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating the payment of expenses for attendance at meetings.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Section 516, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended December 8, 1959, P. L. 1725, further amended.

Section 1. Section 516, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended December 8, 1959 (P. L. 1725), is amended to read:

Section 516. State Convention or Association; Delegates; Expenses; Membership.—The board of school directors or the board of public education of [each] any school district may appoint [, from among their number,] one or more of its members, its non-member secretary, if any, and its solicitor, if any, as delegates to any State convention or association of school directors, held within the Commonwealth [, and may appoint the secretary of their respective board as a delegate to attend the annual State convention or association of secretaries of boards of school directors, to be held at the same time and place as the State convention or association of school directors]. It shall be the duty of such delegates [and such secretaries] to attend the meetings of such convention or association, and each delegate [and secretary] so attending shall be reimbursed for [all necessary expenses for traveling, lodging and meals actually incurred] travel, travel insurance, lodging, meals, registration fees and other incidental expenses necessarily incurred. Any such board may become a member of the [State School Directors' Association] Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc., and may pay, out of the school funds of the district, any membership dues which may be assessed by the association at any State convention of school directors to defray the neces-