

## No. 161

## AN ACT

SB 1523

Establishing the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania to plan and develop Pennsylvania's participation in the commemoration of the American Revolution; providing for the appointment of members and the powers and duties of the commission; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania Act."

Section 2. Legislative Findings; Declaration of Policy.—It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative finding:

(1) The Government of the United States has taken formal action, on July 4, 1966, to assure effective national observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of this Nation, through enactment of Public Law 89-491, establishing the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to prepare and coordinate an overall national program for observing and commemorating the Bicentennial of the American Revolution;

(2) Pennsylvania has played a dominant role in the American Revolution, no other of the thirteen colonies having furnished more leaders, or played a larger part in shaping national institutions;

(3) Pennsylvania cities have been focal points of historic events throughout the Revolution, Philadelphia, Lancaster and York having been the capitals of the revolutionary movement;

(4) Pennsylvania's leadership in those trying years had unique significance in development of our national heritage, individual liberty, representative government and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights, all of which had so profound an influence on human affairs;

(5) Pennsylvania, birthplace of our liberty, should take steps at this time to assure its cooperation in development of the National Bicentennial Observance, to stimulate appropriate commemorative programs throughout Pennsylvania and to encourage selection of Philadelphia as a national focal point of the United States Bicentennial.

Section 3. Establishment of Commission; Membership; Vacancies.—(a) There is hereby established the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania, hereafter referred to as the commission, to plan and develop Pennsylvania's participation in the commemoration of the American Revolution.

(b) The commission shall be composed of the following:

(1) Five members of the State Senate to be appointed by the

President pro tempore of the Senate;

(2) Five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) The Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Forests and Waters, the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth;

(4) Ten persons to be appointed by the Governor.

(c) The Governor of Pennsylvania shall be Honorary Chairman of the commission and shall designate from among the members thereof the chairman of the commission.

(d) Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments were made.

Section 4. Duties of Commission.—The duties of the commission shall include the following:

(1) To coordinate its efforts with those of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and to cooperate with that agency in development of an effective national observance of the Bicentennial;

(2) To plan effective bicentennial programs for Pennsylvania and for its historic cities and regions, coordinating all such plans with any programs which may be developed by local governments or other recognized organizations;

(3) To cooperate with the nonprofit Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation which has been organized at the request of the City of Philadelphia to plan that city's observance; to assist the corporation in achieving an international recognition of the Philadelphia Bicentennial celebration as a key, primary attraction of the national celebration;

(4) To cooperate with commissions or similar planning groups which have been or may be established by others of the thirteen original states for the Bicentennial, to the end that the observances planned may open a new era of progress and development for the entire region while they offer also a reverent commemoration and reexamination of the historic significance of the American Revolution.

Section 5. Meetings and Hearings.—The commission shall establish a regular schedule of meetings at its first session, which will be on the call of its chairman as soon as possible after the members have been appointed. The commission will hold public hearings as may be necessary to encourage citizens of Pennsylvania to offer their recommendations regarding the Bicentennial.

Section 6. Reports.—The commission shall submit each year a report to the Governor and to the General Assembly covering its activities and offering its recommendations. A final report on all phases of its activities shall be submitted the year following the completion of Pennsylvania's Bicentennial observances.

Section 7. Assistance from Department of Commerce.—The Department of Commerce shall provide such secretarial and other staff assistance as may be necessary to the proper functioning of the com-

mission consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Section 8. Finances and Contributions.—Funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly from time to time to assist in <sup>1</sup> financing the Bicentennial shall be appropriated to the Department of Commerce. That department will secure the advice of the commission in preparing requests for such appropriations and in their expenditure.

Section 9. Appropriations.—There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Commerce, to assist the work of the commission, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the fiscal year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969. In addition to this amount, all moneys received from any other sources as contributions to this program shall be paid into the General Fund and credited to this appropriation.

Section 10. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

APPROVED—The 12th day of July, A. D. 1968.

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No. 162

AN ACT

HB 1776

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," further regulating the operation, use and equipment of motorcycles and operators thereof; and further providing for the prevention of noise by vehicle.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 606, and subsection (b) of section 608, <sup>2</sup> act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," are amended to read:

Section 606. Learner's Permits.—

(a) The department, upon receiving from any person eighteen (18) years of age or over, or upon receiving from any person less than eighteen (18) years of age and more than sixteen (16) years of age, when accompanied by an affidavit of consent of a parent or person in loco parentis, an application for a learner's permit, may, in its discretion, issue such a permit, entitling the applicant while having such permit in his immediate possession to operate a motor vehicle

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<sup>1</sup> "financing" in original.

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