

side coal boundaries of the said operating coal mine, the existing workings and exhausted areas and the relationship of said boundaries to identifiable surface properties and landmarks: Provided, however, That any operating coal mine, which has been penetrated by a well since the effective date of this act, shall furnish a mine map to the division each year indicating the excavations for the preceding year and the projections for the ensuing year. Any person who is stor-

ing or contemplating the storage of gas in the vicinity of such operating coal mines shall, upon written request, be furnished a copy of the aforesaid map by the coal operator and such person and the division shall, thereafter, be informed of any boundary changes at the time such changes occur. The division shall keep a record of such information and shall promptly notify both the coal operator and the storage operator if it is found that the coal mine and the storage reservoir are within ten thousand linear feet of each other.

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Section 504. Penalties.—Any person who shall wilfully violate any provisions of this act or any order of the Oil and Gas Division, issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or undergo imprisonment of not more than one year, or both. Each day's continuance of such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 266

AN ACT

HB 916

Amending the act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," increasing the amount of arbitration by the County Court of Philadelphia.

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

Section 1. Section 8.1, act of June 16, 1836 (P. L. 715), entitled "An act relating to Reference and Arbitration," amended June 24, 1959 (P. L. 477), is amended to read:

Section 8.1. The several courts of common pleas, and the County Court of Allegheny County [and the Municipal Court of Philadelphia] may, by rules of court, provide that all cases which are at issue where the amount in controversy shall be two thousand dollars (\$2000) or less, except those involving title to real estate, shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three (3) members of the bar within the judicial district. The County Court of Philadelphia may also by such rules fix any amount not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) as the amount in controversy up to which such submissions shall be required. Cases which are not at issue and whether or not suit has been filed may be referred to the board of arbitration by agreement of reference signed by counsel for both sides in the case. Said agreement of reference shall define the issues involved for determination by the board and, when agreeable, shall also contain stipulations with respect to facts submitted or agreed or defenses waived. In such cases, the agreement of reference shall take the place of the pleadings in the case and be filed of record.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 267

AN ACT

HB 924

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," changing limitations as to lengths for vehicles equipped with booms or boom-like devices, and as to weights for tractors, and increasing penalties.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of subsection (c) of section 902, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended December 7, 1965 (P. L. 1039) and December 7, 1965 (P. L. 1050), is amended to read:

Section 902. Size of Vehicles, Tractors and Loads.—

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(c) No motor vehicle or tractor, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, shall exceed a total maximum