

No. 144

AN ACT

HB 845

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 providing for examinations for school bus drivers.

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

Section 1. Section 609, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 609. Additional Examinations for School Bus Operators.—After July 1, 1950, no person shall operate a school bus carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth unless he (1) shall have satisfactorily passed an additional examination for school bus operators *within the preceding five (5) years*, to be given by the secretary or such agency as he may direct, establishing his fitness and competency to operate such school bus with safety and his knowledge of the laws and regulations relating to the operation of school buses; (2) carries a currently valid school bus operator's certificate issued by the secretary pursuant to such examination; (3) has satisfactorily passed a physical examination to be given by the physician for the school district by which he is employed; and (4) carries a certificate issued by the examining physician at the time of examination indicating that he has passed the prescribed physical examination, including an examination of the eyes. Such certificate issued by the examining physician shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of its issuance. The provisions of this section shall not apply to operators employed by any person or company subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1970.

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A. D. 1969.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
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Secretary of the Commonwealth.