

## No. 98

## AN ACT

SB 491

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), 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," clarifying provisions relating to speed limits of class 1, class 2 and class 3 motor vehicles.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 1002, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended October 25, 1967 (P.L.488, No.234), is amended to read:

Section 1002. Restrictions as to Speed.—

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(c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for the following kinds, types, and classes of vehicles to be operated at a greater speed than hereinafter provided, except when such vehicles are being operated on highways under the supervision and control of a turnpike commission in which case subject to speed restrictions by such turnpike commission as hereinbefore provided the maximum speed limits shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour greater than hereinafter provided.

Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors **[R class and S class] class 1, class 2 and class 3**, fifty-five (55) miles per hour.

Motor buses and omnibuses, fifty-five (55) miles per hour, except where a greater speed is authorized under this act for passenger motor vehicles in which case the speed for **[R and S] class 1, class 2 and class 3** commercial motor vehicles, motor buses and omnibuses shall be the same. For the purpose of indicating the established speed limit, and the erection of signs in connection therewith, as provided in this act, **[R and S] class 1, class 2 and class 3** commercial vehicles shall be deemed passenger motor vehicles.

All other commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, all combinations of commercial motor vehicles or truck tractors and trailers or semi-trailers, fifty-five (55) miles per hour on highways having four (4) or more lanes, or forty-five (45) miles per hour on highways having less than four (4) lanes.

The above speed limits shall be subject to reduction by the Secretary of **[Highways] Transportation** on the basis of highway engineering studies. Whenever the Secretary of **[Highways] Transportation** reduces the speed limit under subsection (c) of this section on a particular section of a highway, the speed limit shall be indicated by the erection of official signs

placed at the beginning and at the end of such highway and at reasonable intervals, at the discretion of the Secretary of [Highways] *Transportation*.

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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 ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of October, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 98.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*