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INTRODUCED BY MR. WELLS, MARCH 10, 1919.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ROADS,
MARCH 11, 1919.

AN ACT

To amend Sections seven thirteen and eighteen of an act approved the seventh day of July one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws six hundred and seventy-two) entitled "An Act relating to and regulating motor vehicles and vehicles trailing after or propelled by motor vehicles controlling their speed upon the public streets and highways in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for their registration and licensing of certain operators by the State Highway Department prohibiting the operation of any motor vehicle by any person when intoxicated or without the consent of the owner forbidding the passage of any law laying a tax upon or requiring the registration of motor vehicles or licensing of any operator or regulating the speed of motor vehicles by any county borough city incorporated town or township establishing the rights of motor vehicles upon the public highways with relation to other vehicles

providing for their equipment and for the width of tires to be used upon motor vehicles and vehicles trailing after or propelled by motor vehicles regulating the service of process and proceedings in actions for damages arising therefrom providing for arrest and for service of process and proceedings for violation of this act prescribing the penalties therefor and providing for the disposition of fees collected and fines imposed thereunder."

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 section seven of an act approved the seventh day of
5 July one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet
6 Laws six hundred and seventy-two) entitled "An act re-
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8 ing after or propelled by motor vehicles controlling their
9 speed upon the public streets and highways in the Com-
10 monwealth of Pennsylvania providing for their registration
11 and licensing of certain operators by the State Highway
12 Department prohibiting the operation of any motor vehicle
13 by any person when intoxicated or without the consent of
14 the owner forbidding the passage of any law laying a
15 tax upon or requiring the registration of motor vehicles
16 or licensing of any operator or regulating the speed of
17 motor vehicles by any county borough city incorporated
18 town or township establishing the rights of motor vehicles
19 upon the public highways with relation to other vehicles
20 providing for their equipment and for the width of tires

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2 or propelled by motor vehicles regulating the service of
3 process and proceedings in actions for damages arising
4 therefrom providing for arrest and for service of process
5 and proceedings for violation of this act prescribing the
6 penalties therefor and providing for the disposition of fees
7 collected and fines imposed thereunder" which reads as fol-
8 lows to wit

9 "Section 7 No motor vehicle except motor cycles shall
10 be operated upon any public street or highway unless the
11 number tags are displayed conspicuously one on the front
12 and the other on the rear of the motor vehicle in such
13 manner as they may be easily read They shall at all
14 times be parallel to the axle of the motor vehicle and
15 shall be kept free from oil grease dirt or other sub-
16 stances likely to impair their legibility and shall not be
17 defaced in any manner and between one hour after sun-
18 set and one hour before sunrise the rear number tag
19 shall be illuminated so that the number can be plainly
20 distinguished Provided however That motor cycles must dis-
21 play on the rear thereof the plate or marker to be
22 furnished by the State Highway Department and to be
23 so fastened as to be entirely unobscured and to be kept
24 reasonably clean

25 "Only one set of number tags shall be displayed up-
26 on any motor vehicle and except as otherwise provided
27 in this act for non-residents no number tag shall be dis-
28 played other than that issued by the State Highway De-
29 partment In the case of the loss of one or both num-

1 ber tags or badge a new pair of tags or badge of
2 another number than that of the lost tag or badge shall
3 be supplied by the State Highway Department A new tag
4 or tags or badge shall be obtained by filing with the
5 State Highway Department upon a blank furnished by said
6 department an affidavit reciting the loss or destruction of
7 said tag or badge accompanied by a fee of one dollar
8 No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall be sub-
9 ject to fine or arrest by reason of one number tag or
10 badge being missing provided that he shall make affidavit
11 that the same has been lost destroyed or removed with-
12 out his knowledge and consent within one week and that
13 application for new tags or badge be properly made" be
14 amended to read as follows

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16 be operated upon any public street or highway unless the
17 number tags are displayed conspicuously one on the front
18 and the other on the rear of the motor vehicle in
19 such a manner that they may be easily read They shall
20 at all times be parallel to the axle of the motor
21 vehicle and shall be kept free from oil grease dirt or
22 other substances likely to impair their legibility and shall
23 not be defaced in any manner and between one hour
24 after sunset and one hour before sunrise the rear num-
25 ber tag shall be illuminated by a red light so that
26 the number can be plainly distinguished Provided however
27 That motor cycles must display on the rear thereof the
28 plate or marker to be furnished by the State Highway
29 Department and to be so fastened as to be entirely

1 unobscured and to be kept reasonably clean

2 Only one set of number tags shall be displayed up-
3 on any motor vehicle and except as otherwise provided
4 in this act for non-residents no number tag shall be dis-
5 played other than that issued by the State Highway De-
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10 tag or tags or badge shall be obtained by filing with
11 the State Highway Department upon a blank furnished by
12 said department an affidavit reciting the loss or destruc-
13 tion of said tag or badge accompanied by a fee of one
14 dollar No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall
15 be subject to fine or arrest by reason of one number
16 tag or badge being missing provided that he shall make
17 affidavit that the same has been lost destroyed or re-
18 moved without his knowledge and consent within one week
19 and that application for new tags or badge be properly
20 made

21 Section 2 Section thirteen of said act which reads as
22 follows

23 "Section 13 Every motor vehicle shall be provided when
24 in use with good and sufficient brakes and with a horn
25 bell or other signal device Motor vehicles shall from one
26 hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise show at
27 least two white lights visible not less than two hundred
28 (200) feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is

1 proceeding Provided however That motor cycles need dis-
2 play only one white light visible in the direction in
3 which they are proceeding

4 "Every operator of a motor vehicle shall sound his
5 horn bell or signal device giving reasonable warning of
6 his approach whenever necessary to insure the safety of
7 other users of the highways and also when approaching
8 a street or road crossing dangerous curve in any of the
9 cities boroughs or townships of this Commonwealth where
10 the proper authorities shall have erected signs easily read-
11 able from the highway and at right angles thereto bear-
12 ing thereon in letters at least five (5) inches in height
13 the words "Danger blow your horn" The unnecessary sound-
14 ing of bells horns or other signal devices the unneces-
15 sary use of Muffler cut-outs or their use when approach-
16 ing or passing any other vehicle or animal of draft or
17 burden is prohibited When signaled to do so by the
18 driver of any horse or other animal of draft or burden
19 the operator of a motor vehicle shall stop and if cir-
20 cumstances require it shall stop his engine until the
21 danger has been avoided When overtaken by any other
22 vehicle legally travelling at a greater speed the operator
23 or driver of any motor vehicle when signalled to do so
24 shall turn reasonably to the right of the center of the
25 highway allowing the other vehicle free passage to the
26 left No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle
27 upon any public street or highway in this Commonwealth
28 having metal spurs or lugs or other metal projections
29 more than three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of an inch in length upon

1 the tires thereof except upon natural earth roads or when
2 the streets are covered with ice or snow so that the
3 safety of other users of the highways makes it neces-
4 sary" be amended to read as follows

5 Section 13 Every motor vehicle shall be provided when
6 in use with good and sufficient brakes and with a horn
7 bell or other signal device Motor vehicles shall from one
8 hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise show at
9 least two white lights visible not less than two hundred
10 (200) feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle
11 is proceeding Provided however That motor cycles need dis-
12 play only one white light visible in the direction in
13 which they are proceeding No operator of any motor ve-
14 hicle while the said vehicle is on any highway shall use
15 any acetylene electric or other headlight unless it shall
16 be so shaded as not to blind or dazzle other users of
17 the highway or make it difficult or unsafe for them to
18 ride drive or walk thereon No motor vehicle shall show
19 any red light so as to be visible from the front of
20 said vehicle

21 Every operator of a motor vehicle shall sound his
22 horn bell or signal device giving reasonable warning of
23 his approach whenever necessary to insure the safety of
24 other users of the highways and also when approaching a
25 street or road crossing or dangerous curve in any of
26 the cities boroughs or townships of this Commonwealth
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28 readable from the highway and at right angles thereto
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18 the tires thereof except upon natural earth roads or when
19 the streets are covered with ice or snow so that the
20 safety of other users of the highway makes it necessary

21 Section 3 Section eighteen of said act which reads as
22 follows

23 "Section 18 All operators of motor vehicles shall upon
24 request or signal of any constable or police officer who
25 shall be in uniform or shall exhibit his badge or other
26 sign of authority stop and exhibit their registration certi-
27 ficate or license if so required and shall furnish to any
28 legally constituted authority all information in their pos-

1 session as to the identity of the operator or owner of
2 any motor vehicle" be amended to read as follows

3 Section 18 All operators of motor vehicles shall upon
4 request or signal of any constable or police officer who
5 shall be in uniform or shall exhibit his badge or other
6 sign of authority stop and exhibit their registration certi-
7 ficates or license if so required and shall furnish to any
8 legally constituted authority all information in their pos-
9 session as to the identity of the operator or owner of
10 any motor vehicle All operators of motor vehicles shall
11 stop their vehicles when signalled to do so by any
12 semaphore or other traffic device operated by any police
13 officer who is in uniform