
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **432** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. STROUP, FLACK, KELLER,
PROPERT, KESSLER, YATRON AND MURRAY,
MARCH 21, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, MARCH 21, 1961.

AN ACT

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 the permitted length of vehicles operated in combination

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

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill.
Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

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1 Section 1 Subsection (c) section 902 act of April 29 1959 (P L 58)
2 known as "The Vehicle Code" amended July 21 1959 (P L 551) and
3 October 13 1959 (P L 1312) is amended to read

4 Section 902 Size of Vehicles Tractors and Loads

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6 (c) No motor vehicle or tractor except motor buses motor omni-
7 buses and fire department equipment shall exceed a total maximum
8 length including any load thereon of four hundred twenty (420) inches
9 [excepting that a semi-trailer designed exclusively for carrying motor
10 vehicles may exceed such a total maximum length by not more than
11 thirty (30) inches and excepting that semi-trailers designed exclusively
12 for carrying livestock may exceed such total maximum length by not
13 more than sixty (60) inches and excepting that a refrigerating device
14 attached to the front exterior of a semi-trailer shall be disregarded in
15 measuring the length of the semi-trailer if the presence or absence of
16 such device would not affect the length of the combination of vehicles
17 in which such semi-trailer is operated] No combination of two (2)
18 vehicles or tractors inclusive of load and bumpers coupled together
19 shall exceed a total maximum length of six hundred (600) inches

1 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the transportation by a com-
2 bination of vehicles of articles impossible of dismemberment which do
3 not exceed seventy (70) feet

4 (1) No motor vehicle or tractor except a tractor of the first class
5 shall be operated upon a highway drawing or having attached thereto
6 more than one (1) other vehicle Provided That a trailer not exceeding
7 ten (10) feet in length may be attached to one (1) motor vehicle for
8 the purpose of towing another vehicle requiring service to which such
9 trailer is also attached And provided further That not more than two
10 truck tractors empty commercial motor vehicles or the chassis therefor
11 may be attached to and transported by a truck tractor commercial
12 motor vehicle or the chassis therefor if the rear wheels of the vehicles
13 so transported are the only wheels thereof which touch the road surface
14 and the overall length of such combination of vehicles does not exceed
15 fifty (50) feet in length

16 (2) The distance between any two (2) vehicles or between a tractor
17 and another vehicle one of which is towing or drawing the other shall
18 not exceed fifteen (15) feet from one (1) vehicle to the other except
19 when the load on the towed vehicle is coupled directly to and is not
20 more than five (5) feet from the towing vehicle Whenever the con-

1 nection consists of a chain rope bar or cable there shall be displayed
2 upon such connection a flag not less than twelve (12) inches in length
3 and width Every trailer while being drawn upon the highway shall be
4 so attached to the vehicle drawing the same as to prevent the wheels
5 of such trailer from deflecting more than six (6) inches from the path
6 of the drawing vehicle's wheels

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8 Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection
9 (a) (b) (c) (d) or (e) of this section shall upon summary conviction
10 before a magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00)
11 and costs of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall
12 undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days Such fine shall
13 be in addition to any penalty imposed by any other section or sub-
14 section of this act

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor