

(u) Agreements with Federal Government for the Promotion
of Health or Welfare.

Section 1999b. Federal Health and Welfare Programs.—Any county may, through the commissioners, enter into agreements with the Federal government for any program not in conflict with an existing or hereafter established state program offered by the Federal government for the promotion of the health or welfare of its citizens and in the furtherance of said programs may comply with conditions, rules or regulations attached by the Federal government.

The county may accept gifts or grants of money, property or services from any source, public or private, and may appropriate such funds as may be necessary to carry out said programs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect ¹ immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of July, A. D. 1965.

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No. 151

AN ACT

HB 1026

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," authorizing river rescue organizations' vehicles to be equipped with red lights, horns and warning devices, granting such vehicles the right of way and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 814, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 814. Red Light Visible From in Front of Vehicles.—No person shall operate or move any vehicle or tractor with a red light displayed to the front thereof, except school bus, fire department, fire patrol apparatus, police department vehicles, ambulances or the private vehicles of those chiefs of fire or police departments, assistant chiefs of

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fire or police departments, [or] fire marshals or commanders of river rescue organizations who, in accordance with a statement filed with the Pennsylvania State Police prior thereto, use the same for answering fire, police or emergency calls. [upon a highway]

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 the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 2. Subsection (b) of section 820 of the act, amended July 14, 1961 (P. L. 616), is amended to read:

Section 820. Horns and Warning Devices.—

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(b) Every police, fire department and fire patrol vehicle, ambulance or the private vehicle of the chief of any fire department, and the first assistant chief of any fire department, and when a fire company has three (3) or more pieces of apparatus, a second assistant chief, or the private vehicle of the chief of any police department and the first assistant chief of any police department, [or] fire marshal or commanders of river rescue organizations who, in accordance with a statement filed with the Pennsylvania State Police prior thereto, uses the same for answering fire or emergency calls, may be equipped with a bell, siren, compression or spark plug whistle, of a type approved by the secretary.

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Section 3. Subsection (b) of section 1014 and subsections (a) and (c) of section 1015 of the act are amended to read:

Section 1014. Exceptions to the Right of Way Rule.—

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(b) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to police, fire department vehicles, ambulances, and the private vehicles of those chiefs of fire departments, assistant chiefs of fire departments, [and] fire marshals and commanders of river rescue organizations who signify in writing their intention to use such vehicles while answering fire or emergency calls, and file the written declaration prior to such use thereof with the Pennsylvania State Police, when such vehicles are operated upon official business and the drivers thereof sound audible signal. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of any such vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor shall it protect the driver of any such

vehicle from the consequence of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

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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 the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 1015. What to Do on Approach of Ambulance, Police, [or] Fire Department or River Rescue Vehicle.—

(a) Upon the approach of any police, fire department vehicle, ambulance, or the private vehicle of the chief of any fire department, assistant chief of any fire department, [or] fire marshal or commanders of any river rescue organizations who, in accordance with a statement filed with the Pennsylvania State Police prior thereto, uses the same for answering fire or emergency calls, giving audible signal, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible, and parallel to, the right-hand edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position, unless otherwise directed by a peace officer, until such vehicle shall have passed.

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(c) Upon the approach of any police, fire department vehicle, ambulance, or the private vehicle of the chief of any fire department, assistant chief of any fire department, [or] fire marshal or commanders of any river rescue organizations who, in accordance with a statement filed with the Pennsylvania State Police prior thereto, uses the same for answering fire or emergency calls, giving audible signal, the operator of every streetcar or trackless trolley omnibus shall immediately stop and remain in such position, unless otherwise directed by a peace officer, until such vehicle shall have passed.

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 the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

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