

No. 353

## AN ACT

SB 46

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," directing the issuance of special registration plates to handicapped persons; exempting motor vehicles bearing such plates from certain parking restrictions for limited times; and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. The act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding, after section 501, a new section to read:

Section 501.1. Special Plates for Handicapped Persons.—On the application of any person who has lost the use of a leg or both legs, or an arm or both arms, or any combination thereof, or any person who is blind, the department shall issue such handicapped person special registration plates designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a handicapped person. The registration plates so issued shall, reading from left to right, bear a handicapped insignia approved by the Department and shall be followed by such numbers or letters as the department finds expedient. The department shall not issue registration plates so designated to any person other than a handicapped person. The department shall not charge any fee, other than the regular fee for annual registration, for the issuance of such registration plates.

Penalty.—Any person who is not a handicapped person, as prescribed in this section and who wilfully and falsely represents himself as having the qualifications to obtain such vehicle registration plates in an attempt to procure the special plates prescribed by this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

Section 2. Section 1021 of the act, amended July 13, 1959 (P. L. 529) and July 14, 1961 (P. L. 616), is amended to read:

Section 1021. **Parking Prohibited in Specified Places.**—No person shall park a vehicle or tractor, or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway or in any of the following places:

(1) Within an intersection.

(2) On a crosswalk.

(3) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb, or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless local officials shall indicate a different length by signs or markings.

(4) Within twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of curb lines, or, if none, then within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.

(5) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach <sup>1</sup> to any official flashing signal, stop sign, or traffic signal located at the side of the roadway.

(6) Within fifteen (15) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.

(7) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

(8) On a sidewalk.

(9) In front of a private driveway, or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, nor opposite the same, unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than twenty (20) feet upon the main traveled portion of the said street or highway shall be left free for passage of other vehicles thereon.

(10) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway.

(11) At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting standing and parking.

(12) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a steam or inter-urban railway crossing.

(13) Where such stopped or parked vehicle could prevent the free movement of a streetcar.

(14) Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or where angle parking is permitted, the operator of a vehicle shall not stop, stand, or park such vehicle on the highway within a business or residence district other than parallel with the edge of the highway, headed in the direction of traffic, and with the curb side of the vehicle within six (6) inches of the edge of the highway or curb. Vehicles, which because of type or construction cannot load or unload parallel to the curb, shall be exempt, while loading or unloading only, from the requirements of standing parallel to the curb.

(15) Except for disabled vehicles on a medial or dividing strip or plot

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<sup>1</sup> "of" in original.

separating divided highways, which disabled vehicles may remain there for a period of thirty-six (36) hours, after which said vehicle shall be deemed to have been abandoned and peace officers shall have authority to remove it and place it in storage.

A further exception shall be made when a person operating a motor vehicle bearing plates issued to a handicapped person as prescribed in section 501.1 of this act and which motor vehicle is being operated by or for the benefit of such handicapped person shall be relieved of any liability with respect to parking for a period of ninety minutes in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities except where local ordinances or police regulations prohibit parking on any highway for the purpose of creating a fire lane or where said ordinances or police regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning, afternoon or evening hours or where such motor vehicle is parked in such a manner as to clearly be a traffic hazard.

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 two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than 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.

APPROVED—The 10th day of November, A. D. 1965.

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No. 354

AN ACT

SB 804

Amending the act of May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1903), entitled "An act providing for powers, responsibilities, duties and limitations of the Governor, Adjutant General, Department of Military Affairs, Pennsylvania State Armory Board, Military Reservation Commission in connection with the armed Military and Naval forces and the internal security of the Commonwealth; for the definition, organization, powers and limitations of the unorganized militia, Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard, Naval Militia, Pennsylvania Naval Militia and for coordination with the government of the United States in the organization and functioning of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the National Guard of the United States apportioned the Commonwealth," providing for the award of the Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement Award.

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