

in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," providing that the Department of Justice shall supervise and control the regional correctional facilities and similar facilities, and imposing additional powers and duties on the Bureau of Corrections.

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

Section 1. Section 911, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended October 22, 1959 (P. L. 1356), is amended to read:

Section 911. The Department of Justice shall have the power and its duty shall be to supervise and control the State Correctional Institution at Philadelphia, State Correctional Institution at Pittsburgh, State Correctional Institution at Rockview, State Correctional Institution at Graterford, State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, [and] State Correctional Institution at Muncy, regional correctional facilities and other similar facilities for prisoners including those at nonpenal institutions.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding after section 914, a new section to read:

Section 914.1. Inmate Labor at Nonpenal Institutions.—The Bureau of Corrections shall have the power and its duty shall be:

(1) To establish in nonpenal institutions, or on the grounds thereof, facilities for minimum risk inmates of penal institutions; and

(2) To assign or transfer inmates to minimum risk facilities at nonpenal institutions for such time and at such employment as the Commissioner of Correction shall deem to be in the best interests of the inmate.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of December, A. D. 1965.

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No. 492

AN ACT

HB 1963

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," further providing for the condition of tires, providing what tires are not in a safe operating condition and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 841, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 841. Requirements as to Condition of Tires.—

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any [vehicle or combination of vehicles] Pennsylvania registered passenger type automobile, suburban motor vehicle, motorcycle, R class commercial motor vehicle or A or B class semi-trailer or trailer upon the highways of this Commonwealth with tires [or a tire showing breaker strip, cushion gum or fabric.] which are not in a safe operating condition. No tire shall be deemed to be in a safe operating condition if such tire has:

(1) Been repaired by use of a blow-out patch or boot.

(2) Tread cuts or snags in excess of one (1) inch in any direction as measured on the outside of the tire and deep enough that the body cords are visible when the tire is inflated to the operating pressure recommended by the manufacturer.

(3) Sidewall scuff cuts or snags to the extent that body or cords are damaged.

(4) Any bump, bulge or knot apparently related to tread or sidewall separation or failure or partial failure of the tire.

(5) When measured in a major tread groove, at, or near the center of the tire, at two points of the circumference where the tread is thinnest, but not closer than fifteen (15) inches, by a tread depth gauge calibrated in thirty-seconds of an inch, the tread design depth is less than two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an inch at both locations. Such measurements shall not be made on a "tie-bar." If the tread depth measures not less than two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an inch at either of the locations measured, the tire shall be considered as meeting the depth requirement.

(6) Been rejected by the manufacturer or by the secretary.

(7) Been regrooved and is being used on a passenger type automobile.

suburban motor vehicle or motorcycle, excepting however, such special service tires which are designed and manufactured for use on such vehicles as taxicabs and originally intended to be regrooved for safety purposes, or otherwise has been reworked in a manner making the tire unsafe for the conditions under which it is used.

(a.1) No vehicle shall be passed for inspection if the tires are of smaller size than listed by the manufacturer as standard or optional equipment, or if the tires are in an unsafe condition as determined by the requirements of subsection (a).

(a.2) Tires mounted on vehicles exempt from inspection under the provisions of this act shall also be exempted from the provisions of this requirement.

(b) The owner or operator of any vehicle who is notified by a peace officer that his tires or tire does not conform with the requirements of this act, or are unsafe or unfit, or in need of correction, adjustment or repairs, shall be allowed forty-eight (48) hours within which to adjust, repair or replace such tires or tire to conform with the requirements of this act.

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Section 2. The penalty clause of section 841 of the act is reenacted and amended to read:

Section 841. Requirements as to Condition of Tires.—

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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.

APPROVED—The 27th day of December, A. D. 1965.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 493
AN ACT

HB 1163

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Common-