

## No. 102

## AN ACT

To amend section twenty-two hundred and two of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section twenty-two hundred and two of the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special, or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2202. In each school district of the first class the board of school directors herein provided shall be known and designated as "The Board of Public Education" of said district. The board of public education in each school district of the first class shall succeed to, and shall have and possess, all the powers, rights, and privileges, not inconsistent with this act, which the present existing board of public education in its respective district now lawfully has, *including the granting and award of scholarships on a merit basis.*

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

## No. 103

## AN ACT

Declaring it a misdemeanor for any person, with intent to defraud, to obtain a motor vehicle, from the owner or person lawfully in possession thereof, by agreeing to pay a rental for the use thereof based in whole or in part upon the distance the motor vehicle shall travel.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That any person who shall, with intent to defraud the owner of any motor vehicle or any person in lawful possession thereof, obtain possession of such motor vehicle, by agreeing to

Public schools.

Section 2202 of act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 300), amended.

Board of Public Education.

Powers.

Scholarships.

Crimes.

Obtaining motor vehicle by fraud.

pay a rental for the use thereof based in whole or in part upon the distance such motor vehicle shall travel, shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days or more than one year, or by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars, or more than two hundred (\$200) dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court. The refusal to pay the rental for such motor vehicle, or absconding without paying or offering to pay such rental, shall be prima facie evidence of the intent to defraud.

Prima facie  
evidence.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 104

AN ACT

To amend section nineteen of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner, two Deputy State Highway Commissioners, chief engineer, chief draughtsman, superintendents of highways, and a staff of assistants and employes; defining their duties and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other appointees; providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-seats, principal cities, and towns and extending to the State line; describing and defining same by route numbers as the State highways of the Commonwealth; providing for the improvement, maintenance, and repair of said State highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth, and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same, and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same; requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State highways wholly and in part; requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof; conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner; providing for the payment of damages in taking of property, or otherwise, in the improvement thereof; providing for purchase or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State highway, and procedure therein; providing for work of improvement of State highways to be done by contract, except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State; providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads; defining highways and State-aid highways; providing method of application for State aid in the improvement, maintenance and repair of township or county roads and prescribing the contents of township, county, borough, or incorporated town petitions; providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State, county, township, borough, or incorporated town, and requiring contracts by counties, townships, boroughs, and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same; providing for the minimum width of State highways and State-aid highways, and kind of materials to be used in the improvement; providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs; providing penalty for injuring or destroying State highways; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act; and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads, and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith; and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act," by conferring additional powers on the Secretary of Highways.

State Highway  
Department.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section nineteen of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one