

No. 277

AN ACT

To amend section 607 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," by providing for operating privileges of persons serving in the armed forces of the United States or in women's organizations officially connected therewith, and for the renewal of operators' licenses after honorable discharge.

"The Vehicle Code."

Section 607, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended.

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

Section 1. Section 607 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of

finances, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 607. Renewal of Operator's License.—(a) Annual renewals of operator's license shall be made in such manner as the secretary may require, upon a form furnished by the department, accompanied by the fee provided in this act [: Provided, That renewals may be made in the same manner as annual renewals of any operator's license issued during any of the three (3) years preceding application for renewal when applicant furnishes satisfactory proof of having had a Pennsylvania operator's license issued to him or her during any of the three (3) immediate preceding license years]. The department shall mail such form to the last address of the operator as it appears on the department records.

(b) *Renewals may be made, in the same manner as annual renewals, of any operator's license issued during any of the three (3) years preceding application for renewal, when applicant furnishes satisfactory proof of having had a Pennsylvania operator's license issued to him or her during any of the three (3) immediate preceding license years.*

(c) *Any person who has served in the armed forces of the United States, or in any women's organization officially connected therewith, and who, at the time of entering the service, held a Pennsylvania operator's license, may have, upon his or her honorable discharge from the service, and for a period of one year thereafter, a renewal of such operator's license, in the same manner as annual renewals of operators licenses are made, if he or she satisfies the following requirements:*

(1) *He has an honorable discharge from the service.*

(2) *Application for the operator's license is made within one year after the date of such honorable discharge.*

(3) *He is not physically or mentally incapacitated at the time of the application for renewal.*

(4) *In the event that his certificate of honorable discharge reveals that injuries were sustained during service, the application shall be accompanied by the certificate of a licensed physician that the applicant is physically and mentally able to operate a motor vehicle.*

(5) *Each application shall be sworn to before a magistrate, alderman, notary public, or justice of the peace, who shall certify thereon that he has seen and examined the applicant's certificate of honorable discharge and that it is dated less than one year before the application was made.*

(6) *His previous operator's license has not been revoked or suspended, unless, in case of suspensions, the period of suspension has expired.*

(d) No renewal shall be required of the annual license issued to any person serving in the armed forces of the United States, or in any women's organization officially connected therewith, for the license year during which he or she entered the service or for any license year during which the service continued. If such license has not been revoked or suspended, it shall entitle the holder, if not physically or mentally incapacitated, to operate motor vehicles on the highways of this Commonwealth.

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 278

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the act, approved the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws 100), entitled "An act making it unlawful to drive over certain inter-state bridges with loads of excessive weight; and inflicting penalties," by providing for payment of costs of prosecution; for imprisonment in default of payments of fines and costs; and for the disposition of fines, penalties and forfeitures.

Inter-state bridges.

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

Section 2, act of April 1, 1925, P. L. 100, amended.

Section 1. Section 2 of the act, approved the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws 100), entitled "An act making it unlawful to drive over certain inter-state bridges with loads of excessive weight; and inflicting penalties," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Penalties for violation of act.

Section 2. (a) Any person violating any of the provisions of this act, and the owner of any vehicle driven upon any bridge in violation of this act, shall upon summary conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, alderman, or magistrate, be [subject] sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days.

Disposition of proceeds.

(b) All fines and penalties collected under the provisions of this act for violation of the same, and all bail forfeited, shall be paid to the Department of Revenue and transmitted to the State Treasury, and credited to the General Fund.

APPROVED—The 19th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE