

No. 384

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, 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," regulating registration of antique motor vehicles.

The Vehicle Code.

Section 102, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, added August 24, 1951, P. L. 1360, further amended.

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

Section 1. The definition of the words "Antique Motor Vehicle" in section one hundred two, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," added August twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1360), is amended to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words and phrases when used in this act, shall, for the purpose of this act, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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"Antique Motor Vehicle".—Any self-propelled vehicle owned and operated as an exhibition piece or collector's item, provided such vehicle shall have noted on its registration record the fact that it is such special purpose vehicle, *or any self-propelled vehicle manufactured more than twenty-five years prior to the current year, which is used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, occasional transportation and similar uses, but is not used for general daily transportation.*

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Section 2. Section four hundred thirteen of the act, amended January eighteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2163), is amended to read:

Section 413, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended January 18, 1952, P. L. 2163, further amended.

Section 413. Expiration of Registration.—All registrations, *except registrations of antique motor vehicles*, shall be issued for a registration year commencing on April first of one year and expiring March thirty-first of the year following: Provided, That all registrations for commercial motor vehicles, motor buses, motor omnibuses, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers, for the registration year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, shall expire May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four: Provided further, That no registration for a commercial motor vehicle, motor bus, motor omnibus, truck tractor, trailer or semi-trailer shall be issued for the registration year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three prior to the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, unless the application therefor is accompanied by the annual fee prescribed, plus an addition fee equal to one-sixth thereof. Commencing with the registration year one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, and thereafter, registrations for commercial motor vehicles, motor buses, motor omnibuses, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers shall be issued for a registration year commencing on June first of one year and expiring May thirty-first of the year following. Registrations shall also expire when suspended for cause by the secretary, and, immediately upon the transfer of ownership, or the destruction of the vehicle. Registrations for the succeeding year may, at the option of their holders, be used on and after the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the beginning of the current registration year. *Registrations of antique motor vehicles shall be for the duration of the time that such vehicles are owned by residents of Pennsylvania.*

Section 3. Section five hundred one of the act is amended by adding, after subsection (d), a new subsection to read:

Section 501, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended by adding a new subsection (e).

Section 501. Registration Plates to be Furnished by Department.—

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(e) Registration plate or plates furnished for an antique motor vehicle need not have any registration

numbers or figures or other indications of the renewal of registration, but only such identification as the department deems necessary.

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Section 510, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended January 18, 1952, P. L. 2163, further amended.

Section 4. Section five hundred ten of the act, amended January eighteen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2163), is amended to read:

Section 510. The Expiration of Registration Plates.—

(a) All registration plates, *except registration plates for antique motor vehicles*, shall be issued for a registration year commencing on April first of one year and expiring March thirty-first of the year following: Provided, That all registration plates for commercial motor vehicles, motor buses, motor omnibuses, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers, for the registration year one thousand nine hundred fifty-three shall expire May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four. Commencing with the registration year one thousand nine hundred fifty-four and thereafter registration plate for commercial motor vehicles, motor buses, motor omnibuses, truck tractors, trailers and semi-trailers, shall be issued for a registration year commencing on June first of one year and expiring May thirty-first of the year following. Registration plates shall also expire when suspended for cause by the secretary. The registration plate or plates for the succeeding year may, at the option of the owner, be used on and after the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the beginning of the current registration year. *Registration plates for antique motor vehicles shall be issued for the duration of the time that such vehicles are owned by residents of Pennsylvania. The registration plates issued for any antique motor vehicle shall be returned to the department upon transfer of the title to any such vehicle to a non-resident of Pennsylvania.*

(b) No motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer shall be operated with a registration plate or plates which have expired nor without registration plate or plates on as required by this act, the claim by the owner or operator that the registration plate or plates for the current year have been applied for but not received.

Penalty.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten (\$10.00) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 5. The act is amended by adding, after section 711, a new section to read:

Act of May 1,
1929, P. L. 905,
amended by
adding a new
section 711.1.

Section 711.1. Antique Motor Vehicles.—The fee for registration of an antique motor vehicle for the duration of the time that such vehicle is owned by a resident of Pennsylvania shall be twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50).

APPROVED—The 14th day of March, A. D. 1956.

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No. 385

AN ACT

Providing for cooperation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the State of New Jersey, with the United States of America in the improvement and maintenance of the Delaware River between Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Trenton Marine Terminal, Trenton, New Jersey and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the United States in a project for the further improvement of the Delaware River between Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Trenton Marine Terminal, Trenton, New Jersey. In order to effectuate such policy and purpose, the Department of Forests and Waters acting for, on behalf and in the name of the Commonwealth, is hereby granted the following authority and powers:

Statement of
policy.

Department of
Forests and
Waters granted
certain powers.

(a) To agree to furnish, free of cost to the United States, all lands, easements, rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas on the Pennsylvania side of the river required for the improvement of the Delaware River between Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Trenton Marine Terminal, Trenton, New Jersey, and for its maintenance henceforth.

(b) To agree to hold and save the United States and its agents free from damages due to the construction and maintenance of the improvements of the Delaware River between Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Trenton Marine Terminal, Trenton, New Jersey, other than claims arising from the tortious acts of agents or employes of the United States.