

No. 417

AN ACT

Enlarging the rights and powers of married women as to property and contracts and repealing certain provisions.

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

Section 1. Hereafter, a married woman shall have the same right and power as a married man to acquire, own, possess, control, use, convey, lease or mortgage any property of any kind, real, personal or mixed, either in possession or in expectancy, or to make any contract in writing or otherwise, and may exercise the said right and power in the same manner and to the same extent as a married man.

Rights of a married woman the same as a married man.

Section 2. Sections 1 and 2 of the act of June 8, 1893 (P. L. 344), entitled "An act relating to husband and wife enlarging her capacity to acquire and dispose of property to sue and be sued and to make a last will and enabling them to sue and to testify against each other in certain cases," as amended by the act of May 17, 1945 (P. L. 625), the act of April 11, 1947 (P. L. 60), and the act of May 31, 1947 (P. L. 352), are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall not affect any act done, liability incurred, or right accrued or vested, or affect any suit or action pending or to be instituted to enforce any right under the authority of any act of Assembly, or part thereof, repealed by this act.

Applicability.

Section 4. This act shall become effective ninety days after its enactment.

Effective date.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 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," authorizing volunteer firemen to attach a blue warning light or lights to their automobiles, and providing penalties.

The Vehicle Code.

Act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended by adding a new section 809.1.

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

Section 1. The act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding, after section 809, a new section to read:

Section 809.1. Blue Light Visible from in Front of Vehicle.—Volunteer firemen or members of a hose company in accordance with a statement, containing not over sixty-five (65) names, signed by the chief of the fire department or hose company, and filed with the Pennsylvania State Police, may operate or move a vehicle in answering fire or emergency calls upon a highway with a blue light or lights, not in excess of two of a flasher type, displayed on the front thereof. The light shall not exceed the intensity of twenty-one (21) candle power nor shall the light exceed seven and one-half (7½) inches in diameter. The light shall be capable of operation inside the vehicle by the vehicle operator.

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 (\$10) dollars and costs of prosecution and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days, and shall not thereafter use the lights authorized by this section.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER