

No. 521

AN ACT

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 regulating the use of blue warning lights by volunteer firemen and members of hose companies.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 807 and sections 808 and 815, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," are amended to read:

The Vehicle Code.

Subsection (a), section 807 and sections 808 and 815, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended.

Section 807. Use, Test and Approval of Lamps.—

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, upon a motor vehicle upon a highway, any electric head lamp, lens, reflector or headlight control device, or any electric auxiliary driving lamp, rear lamp, back-up lamp, mechanical signal device or signal lamp, *except blue lamps authorized by section 815*, unless of a type which has been submitted to the secretary for test, and for which a certificate of approval has been issued by the secretary, and is then in effect as provided in this act.

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Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection (a) 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.

Section 808. Illegal Sale of Lighting Devices.—It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or to lease, or to offer for sale or lease, either separately or as a part of the equipment of a motor vehicle, any head lamp, auxiliary driving lamp, rear lamp, back-up lamp or signal lamp, *except blue lamps authorized by section 815*, unless such device is approved by the secretary, and bears the trade mark or name under which it is approved, so as to be legible when installed, and is accompanied by printed instructions as to the candle power of bulbs to be used therewith as approved by the secretary, and any particular methods of mounting or adjusting so as to focus or aim necessary for compliance with the requirements of this act.

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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

Section 815. Blue Light Visible from in Front of *Vehicles.—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 (2) of a flasher type, displayed on the front thereof *in a manner prescribed by the secretary, except that such lights may be fastened to the vehicle so as to flash in front of or through the grille.* 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 dollars (\$10.00) 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 12th day of November, A. D. 1959.

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No. 522

AN ACT

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 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further prescribing the powers and duties of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries in relation to abandoned coal mines.

* "Vehicle" in original.