

No. 93

AN ACT

SB 231

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," requiring certain foreign country ownership documents to be accepted as proof of ownership of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers when certificates of title are applied for in this Commonwealth.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 202, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 202. Application for Certificate of Title.—

(a) Application for a certificate of title shall be made upon a form prescribed and furnished by the department, and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in this act, and shall contain a full description of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, the actual or bona fide address and name of the owner, together with a statement of the applicant's title, and of any liens or encumbrances upon said motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, and whether possession is held subject to a chattel mortgage or under a lease, contract or conditional sale, or other like agreement. Where under the laws of this Commonwealth, any tax is payable by the applicant on, or in connection with, or resulting from, the acquisition or use of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, the application shall be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of the tax due, or by such evidence as the department may require to show that the tax has been collected. The application shall be signed and verified by oath or affirmation by the applicant, if a natural person; in the case of an association, by a member or partner thereof; and in the case of a corporation, by an executive officer thereof, or some person specifically authorized by said corporation to sign the application, to which shall be attached written evidence of his authority. The secretary shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts stated in said application are true, and, if satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of such motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer, or is otherwise entitled to have the same titled in his name, and that all taxes payable by the applicant under the laws of this Commonwealth on or in connection with, or resulting from the acquisition or use of the motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer have been paid, the department shall issue a certificate of title, bearing the signature or facsimile signature of the secretary, or such officer of the department as he shall designate, and sealed with the seal of the department. A foreign country ownership document, duly authenticated by the Adjutant General of any command of

the United States Army in any foreign country, shall be accepted by the secretary as proof that the applicant is the lawful owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer for which the applicant desires a certificate of title.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of August, A. D. 1967.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

No. 94

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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," authorizing the operation of motor vehicles without registration for a limited period of time by certain members of the armed services of the United States.

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

Section 1. Section 401, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding after subsection (i), a new subsection to read:

Section 401. Registration of Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Trailers and Semi-Trailers Required; Special Permits for Nonresidents.—

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(j) Any member of the armed services of the United States may, if otherwise qualified pursuant to the provisions of this act, operate a motor vehicle owned by him, without registration of such vehicle for a period of forty-five (45) days after his return to the United States from any military assignment beyond the geographical limits of the United States, if such motor vehicle has been registered with the armed forces of the United States and registration plates issued for it while owned and operated by the serviceman during his military assignment beyond the geographical limits of the United States.

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APPROVED—The 18th day of August, A. D. 1967.

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