

No. 342

AN ACT

HB 525

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 fees for certain trailers and semi-trailers, brake equipment and minimum engine capacity.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 707, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended March 3, 1970 (P.L.88), is amended to read:

Section 707. Trailers and Semi-Trailers.—

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(b) The fee for annual registration of a trailer or semi-trailer *or fertilizer trailer*, with pneumatic tires (other than a mobilehome, house trailer, office trailer or boat trailer), for which the owner shall have designated a registered gross weight pursuant to section 402, shall be determined by its registered gross weight, according to the following table:

Class	Registered Gross weight (lbs.)	Fee.
1	3,000	\$12.00
2	6,000	32.00
3	8,000	44.00
4	10,000	56.00

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Section 2. Subsection (n) of section 816 of the act, amended January 24, 1966 (P.L.1488), is amended to read:

Section 816. Brake Equipment.—

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(n) Service brakes of the drum or shoe type of any commercial motor vehicle, combination of a commercial motor vehicle and trailer, or combination of a truck tractor and semi-trailer, shall have an aggregate friction lining surface of not less than one (1) square inch for each ~~[fifty-five (55)]~~ *fifty (50)* pounds of maximum gross weight allowed by this act, and of a type designed for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) degrees and a minimum of ninety (90) degrees friction surface per brake shoe: *Provided, That vehicles having disc brakes on the front or rear or front and rear axles shall not be required to meet the provisions of this subsection, but shall be required to meet the provisions of section*

816-A (e). The Department of Transportation shall have the authority to provide requirements for special brake systems not of the type identified in this subsection.

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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 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

Section 3. Section 832 of the act is amended to read:

Section 832. Minimum Engine Capacity.—Every commercial motor vehicle and every combination of a commercial motor vehicle and trailer or of a truck tractor and semi-trailer, when used on a highway, shall be equipped with an engine having a net brake horsepower ratio of not less than one (1) brake horsepower at governed speed for each four hundred [fifty (450)] (400) pounds of maximum gross weight allowed but not less than thirty (30) net brake horsepower.

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 one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

Section 4. The provisions of this amending act relating to registration fees for certain trailers and semi-trailers and those provisions setting forth disc brake requirements shall take effect immediately. All other provisions of this act shall apply only to new commercial vehicles and truck tractors registered for the first time in Pennsylvania after July 1, 1973.

APPROVED—The 28th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 342.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.