No. 248

AN ACT

To amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred five), 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,'' by adding thereto section eight hundred twenty-four, requiring certain vehicles to carry danger or caution signals and to display the same when the vehicle becomes disabled.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the act, approved

the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred five), 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; pro-viding for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation; and providing for refunds," is hereby amended by adding thereto section eight hundred twenty-four, to read as follows:

Section 824. Danger and Caution Signals.—Every motor bus and every motor omnibus for the carriage of

The Vehicle Code.

Danger signals.

Section 824 added to act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 905). passengers for hire, except taxicabs, and every commercial motor vehicle having a carrying capacity of two tons or over, shall be equipped with at least two red or yellow burning danger or caution signals, with friction cap ignition, similar in type to a time-burning railway fusee signal, and so constructed as to burn with a brilliant red or yellow light for not less than fifteen minutes.

Whenever any such vehicle becomes disabled while within the limits of the traveled part of a highway to such an extent that it cannot proceed under its own power, and its lighting is so disabled that it constitutes a menace to other vehicular traffic, the operator thereof shall cause to be continuously displayed on the surface of the highway the red or yellow-burning danger or caution signals, as herein required, in such manner as to prevent personal injuries, loss of life, and damage to property by collision.

Any owner or operator who shall fail to comply with 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) and costs of prosecution. and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

APPROVED-The 25th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 249

AN ACT

Authorizing counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships to incur indebtedness and issue bonds for certain purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That for the purpose of Municipalities. funding or refunding temporary loans made in alleviating unemployment distress, and to provide funds for similar future expenditures, the authorities of any Temporary loans. county, city, borough, incorporated town, or township in this Commonwealth are authorized, with the approval of refunding when the court of quarter sessions, to borrow money and incur amount does not indebtedness in an amount not to exceed two per centum exceed 2% indebtedness in an amount not to exceed two per centum of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in such municipality, as fixed by the last preceding assessed valuation thereof; and to issue, as evidence thereof, registered or coupon serial bonds, payable by such mu- Bonds. nicipality within ten (10) years from the date of their issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, payable annually or semiannually, and to negotiate the same, for the purpose of raising the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and, further, to levy and collect taxes on all

Taxes.