

no fee or tuition is charged, schools or classes owned and operated by or under the authority of bona fide religious institutions, or by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political subdivision thereof, or schools for the blind, deaf and dumb receiving Commonwealth appropriations, or schools accredited by accrediting associations, approved by the State Council of Education, but such schools may choose to apply for a license and, upon approval and issuance thereof, shall be subject to the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 19th day of July, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 248

AN ACT

Concerning contributions among joint tortfeasors and release of tortfeasors; defining the rights and duties of contribution in such cases; making uniform the law with reference thereto; and repealing inconsistent legislation.

“Uniform Contribution Among Tortfeasors Act.”

Meaning of term “joint tortfeasors.”

Right of contribution.

Effect of recovery of judgment against one joint tortfeasor.

Release by injured person of one joint tortfeasor not a discharge of other tortfeasors unless release so provides.

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

Section 1. For the purpose of this act, the term “joint tortfeasors” means two or more persons jointly or severally liable in tort for the same injury to persons or property, whether or not judgment has been recovered against all or some of them.

Section 2. (1) The right of contribution exists among joint tortfeasors; (2) A joint tortfeasor is not entitled to a money judgment for contribution until he has by payment discharged the common liability or has paid more than his pro rata share thereof; (3) A joint tortfeasor who enters into a settlement with the injured person is not entitled to recover contribution from another joint tortfeasor whose liability to the injured person is not extinguished by the settlement.

Section 3. The recovery of a judgment by the injured person against one joint tortfeasor does not discharge the other joint tortfeasors.

Section 4. A release by the injured person of one joint tortfeasor, whether before or after judgment, does not discharge the other tortfeasors unless the release so provides, but reduces the claim against the other tortfeasors in the amount of the consideration paid for the release or in any amount or proportion by which the release provides that the total claim shall be reduced if greater than the consideration paid.

Section 5. A release by the injured person of one joint tortfeasor does not relieve him from liability to make contribution to another tortfeasor, unless the release is given before the right of the other tortfeasor to secure a money judgment for contribution has accrued and provides for a reduction to the extent of the pro rata share of the released tortfeasor of the injured person's damages recoverable against all the other tortfeasors.

Release by injured person of one joint tortfeasor not to relieve him from liability to make contribution to another tortfeasor.

Section 6. This act does not impair any right of indemnity under existing law.

Right of indemnity under existing law not impaired.

Section 7. This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states that enact it.

Interpretation and construction of act.

Section 8. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Uniform Contribution Among Tortfeasors Act."

Short title.

Section 9. The act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1075), entitled "An act to provide for contribution among tortfeasors," is hereby repealed.

Act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 1075, repealed.

All other acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed in so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 10. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of July, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 249

AN ACT

To further amend section 501 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by regulating the issuance of resident and nonresident hunters' licenses and tags for antlerless deer for the hunting of antlerless deer; and eliminating the provisions for special permits for antlerless deer and for abrogation of open season on antlerless deer.

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

"The Game Law."

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 501 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 810), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Subsection (c) of section 501, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, as last amended by act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 810, further amended.