

gesses, 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," is hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read as follows:

Section 1002. Restrictions as to Speed.—

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(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, speeds in excess of the maximum limits hereinafter provided shall be unlawful:

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9. *Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the Secretary of Highways may, after due investigation, establish certain speed zones with a sixty (60) miles an hour speed limit on State highways outside of business and residence districts, where traffic conditions and other conditions of the highway make it safe to operate motor vehicles at the maximum speed provided by this clause.*

Any such established speed zone shall be indicated by the erection of official signs, spaced not less than one-eighth of a mile apart, on the right hand side of the highway facing the traffic to be controlled, and at the end of the speed zone there shall be an official sign indicating the end of such speed zone.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

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No. 192

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1005), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to and regulating tractors and their operation; providing for their registration by the Department of Revenue 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 tractors; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities,

boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of tractors; 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 further regulating the length of tractors and combinations of vehicles; further limiting where informations charging violations of summary provisions of said act may be brought.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of subsection (c) of section 607 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1005), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to and regulating tractors and their operation; providing for their registration by the Department of Revenue 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 tractors; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of tractors; 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," as last amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 1996), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 607. Size of Vehicles and Load.—

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(c) No tractor, except fire department equipment, shall exceed a total maximum length, including load thereon, of [three hundred and ninety-six (396)] *four hundred and twenty (420) inches*, and no combination of *two (2) vehicles, inclusive of load*, coupled together shall exceed a total maximum length of *fifty (50) feet, excepting that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the transportation by a combination of vehicles of articles impossible of dismemberment which do not exceed seventy (70) feet.*

Section 2. Section 701 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 815), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 701. Limitations of Actions.—

"The Tractor Code."

First paragraph of subsection (c) of section 607, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 1005, as last amended by act of January 14, 1952, P. L. 1996, further amended.

Section 701, said act, as amended by act of June 22, 1931, P. L. 815, further amended.

(a) Information, charging violations of any of the summary provisions of this act, shall be brought before a magistrate within the city, borough, incorporated town, or township *in the county* where the alleged violation occurred, within fifteen (15) days after the commission of the alleged offense and not thereafter, except that, where an information is filed against a person *prima facie* guilty of an offense and it subsequently appears that a person other than the person named in the information was the offender, an information may be filed against such other person within fifteen (15) days after his or her identity shall be discovered. *Where there is no substantial difference between the respective distances from the place where the alleged violation occurred to the offices of more than one magistrate, any such prosecution may be brought before any one of such magistrates, or if there is no person holding the office of magistrate in such city, borough, incorporated town or township, then such information shall be brought before such nearest available magistrate in any adjoining city, incorporated town or township in the county, within the same period of time as above provided in this subsection.*

(b) Where the offense committed is designated a misdemeanor, information may be filed as now provided by law.

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 193

AN ACT

Vesting authority in the Secretary of Agriculture to partially reimburse county commissioners for expenditures made from county treasuries for the purpose of eradicating rust spreading barberry bushes, and for the control of the stem rust disease of wheat, oats, barley and rye, upon request of county commissioners, and authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish regulations therefor.

Agriculture.

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

Authority vested in Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse county commissioners for expenditures made for purpose of eradication and control of certain plant diseases.

Section 1. Authority is hereby vested in the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse county commissioners for expenditures made from county treasuries for the purpose of eradicating rust spreading barberry bushes, and for the control of the stem rust disease of wheat, oats, barley and rye, upon written request of county commissioners, in conformity with regulations to be established by the Department of Agriculture.