

said contract does not evidence any fraud or conspiracy to violate the laws of the Commonwealth and neither the authority nor the school district or districts for whose benefit the project is constructed has suffered any pecuniary loss as the result of such failure to comply with the law, then such contract is hereby ratified and made valid to the same extent as if separate specifications had been prepared, separate bids received and separate contracts awarded for the heating and ventilating work.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 425

AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), 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 further fixing fees for annual registration and chassis and maximum gross weights of certain commercial vehicles.

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

Section 1. Section 703 of the act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), 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, en-

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Section 703, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, as last amended by act of May 26, 1943, P. L. 618, further amended.

cumbrances, 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," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 618), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 703. Commercial Motor Vehicles and Truck Tractors with Pneumatic Tires.—Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors with pneumatic tires, other than those electrically operated, shall be divided into eight (8) classes, and the fee for annual registration of such vehicles in each of the respective classes, based on the gross chassis weight, as given and certified to by the manufacturer, shall be as follows:

Four-Wheeled

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Fee.
R	.....Less than 2000,	\$16.50
S	.....2000 and over, but less than 3000,	26.00
T	.....3000 and over, but less than 4000,	35.00
U	.....4000 and over, but less than 5000,	45.00
V	.....5000 and over, but less than 6000,	70.00
W	.....6000 and over, but less than 7500,	96.00
Y	.....7500 and over, but less than 9000,	120.00
Z	.....9000 and over,	175.00

Six-Wheeled (3 Axles)

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Fee.
RZ	....2000 and over, but less than 3000,	\$40.00
SZ	....3000 and over, but less than 4000,	50.00
TZ	....4000 and over, but less than 5000,	60.00
UZ	....5000 and over, but less than 6000,	98.00
VZ	....6000 and over, but less than 7500,	168.00
WZ	....7500 and over, but less than 9000,	186.00
YZ	....9000 and over, but less than 12000,	215.00
ZZ	....12000 and over,	250.00

Eight-Wheeled (4 Axles In Pairs) Commercial Vehicles

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Fee.
RX	...3000 and over, but less than 4000,	\$50.00
SX	...4000 and over, but less than 5000,	60.00
TX	...5000 and over, but less than 6000,	98.00
UX	...6000 and over, but less than 7500,	168.00
VX	...7500 and over, but less than 9000,	186.00
WX	...9000 and over, but less than 12000	215.00
YX	...12000 and over, but less than 13500, ..	250.00
ZX	...13500 and over,	275.00

Section 2. Subsections (a) and (f) of section 903 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 328), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Subsections (a) and (f) of section 903, said act, as last amended by act of April 27, 1945, P. L. 328, further amended.

Section 903. Weight of Vehicles and Loads.—

(a) Commercial motor vehicles and truck tractors, other than those electrically operated, shall not be used or operated on any highway with gross weight exceeding those specified for the several classes and weights of chassis as follows:

Four-Wheeled (2 Axles)

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
R	....Less than 2000,	5000
S	....2000 and over, but less than 3000,	7000
T	....3000 and over, but less than 4000,	11000
U	....4000 and over, but less than 5000,	15000
V	....5000 and over, but less than 6000,	19000
W	....6000 and over, but less than 7500	23000
Y	....7500 and over, but less than 9000,	27000
Z	....9000 and over,	30000

Six-Wheeled (3 Axles)

Class.	Chassis Weight in Pounds.	Maximum Gross Weight in Pounds.
RZ	....2000 and over, but less than 3000,	12000
SZ	....3000 and over, but less than 4000,	14000
TZ	....4000 and over, but less than 5000,	16000
UZ	....5000 and over, but less than 6000,	24000
VZ	....6000 and over, but less than 7500,	28000
WZ	....7500 and over, but less than 9000,	32000
YZ	....9000 and over, but less than 12000	36000
ZZ	....12000 and over,	40000

Eight-Wheeled (4 Axles In Pairs)
Commercial Vehicles Maximum
Class. Chassis Weight in Pounds. Gross Weight
in Pounds.

<i>RX</i> ..	<i>3000 and over, but less than 4000,</i>	<i>14000</i>
<i>SX</i> ..	<i>4000 and over, but less than 5000,</i>	<i>16000</i>
<i>TX</i> ..	<i>5000 and over, but less than 6000,</i>	<i>24000</i>
<i>UX</i> ..	<i>6000 and over, but less than 7500,</i>	<i>28000</i>
<i>VX</i> ..	<i>7500 and over, but less than 9000,</i>	<i>32000</i>
<i>WX</i> ..	<i>9000 and over, but less than 12000,</i>	<i>36000</i>
<i>YX</i> ..	<i>12000 and over, but less than 13500,</i>	<i>40000</i>
<i>ZX</i> ..	<i>13500 and over.</i>	

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(f) No six or more wheeled vehicle with a single front axle and a pair of rear axles, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with gross weight in excess of forty thousand (40,000) pounds, or weight in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds on the front axle, or in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, on any one of the rear axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel; and the two rear axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.

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Section 903, said act, amended by adding, after subsection (f) thereof, two new subsections (f.1) and (f.2).

Section 3. Section 903 of said act is hereby amended by adding, after subsection (f) thereof, two new subsections to read as follows:

Section 903. Weight of Vehicles and Loads.—

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(f.1) No six or more wheeled vehicle with a pair of front axles and a single rear axle, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with gross weight in excess of forty thousand (40,000) pounds, or weight in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on the rear axle, or twelve thousand (12,000) pounds on any one of the front axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on such wheel; and the two front axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.

(f.2) No eight or more wheeled vehicle with a pair of front axles, except fire department equipment, shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of the maximum gross weight now or hereafter allowed for a truck, tractor and semi-trailer combined, under the provisions of section 903 and its amendments, or weight in excess of thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds on any pair of axles, or in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width

of tire on such wheel. Any pair of axles shall be parallel and shall not be less than thirty-six (36) inches apart.

Section 4. The penalty clause of section 903 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1368), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 903. Weight of Vehicles and Loads.—

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Penalty.—Any person operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles upon any highway with a gross weight or with weight *on any pair of axles or on any one axle or wheel* exceeding by more than five (5) per centum the maximum weight allowed in that particular case and not exceeding by more than ten (10) per centum the maximum weight allowed, shall in each case, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days, and any person operating any vehicle or combination of vehicles on any highway with a gross weight or with weight *on any pair of axles or on any one axle or wheel* exceeding by more than ten (10) per centum the maximum weight allowed in that particular case, shall in each case, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 26th day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 426

AN ACT

To further amend section 1 of the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 723), entitled "An act regulating the investment of funds by administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers of the State Government," by expanding the investment powers of State administrative departments, boards, commissions, or officers.

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

Investments.