

the owner of such land, and if the whereabouts of the owner is unknown, such notice shall be served by registered mail upon the terre tenant, if any. If such notice cannot be served in said manner on the owner or terre tenant, then such notice shall be served by the county treasurer by posting the same in the courthouse and at a conspicuous place on the premises. No such sale shall be prejudiced or defeated and no title to property sold at such sale shall be invalidated by proof that such written notice was not [served by the treasurer, or that such notice was not] received by the owner or terre tenant as herein provided.

Service.

Posting.

The cost of such advertisements, notices and the service thereof shall be taxed as part of the cost of such proceedings and shall be paid the same as the other costs.

Costs.

APPROVED—The 6th day of May, A. D. 1955.

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No. 20

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, 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," exempting certain vehicles owned by and used exclusively by the Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States Incorporated from the payment of registration fees.

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

"The Vehicle Code."

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 722, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended August seventeen, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1264), and August twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1352), is amended to read:

Subsection (a) of section 722, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended August 17, 1951, P. L. 1264, and August 24, 1951, P. L. 1352, further amended.

Section 722. Exemptions from Fees.—

(a) No fee shall be charged for a certificate of title or registration of motor vehicles, fire department equipment, trailers and semi-trailers owned by and used exclusively in the performance of the duties of—(a) the Federal Government, (b) any state, other than Pennsylvania, which issues titles or registrations to this Commonwealth without charge, (c) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (d) any city, borough, incorporated town, township, county, poor or school district of this Commonwealth, (e) any duly authorized volunteer fire force, in the extinguishment and prevention of fires or in rescue work, hospital, humane society, or anti-cruelty society in this Commonwealth, (f) the American Red Cross, (g) churches, (h) Girls Scouts of America, (i) Boy Scouts of America, (j) Salvation Army, (k) duly chartered post, organization or combination of organizations of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Philippine Pacific War Veterans, Navy Club of the United States, United States Army Ambulance Corps, Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), the Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Inc., *the Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated*, or United Spanish War Veterans, of this Commonwealth or La Societe Des Forty Hommes et Eight Chevaux, and organizations and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard, (l) mine or industrial ambulances, (m) ambassadors, ministers, foreign consuls, general consuls and vice consuls who are nationals of the country appointing them, and who are assigned to foreign consulates in this Commonwealth: Provided, That American consular officers of equal rank, who are citizens of the United States, and who exercise their official functions at American consulates in such foreign country, are granted reciprocal exemptions. No fee shall be charged for certificates of title or registration of motor vehicles owned and used by war amputees which were obtained through the Veterans' Administration. All such vehicles, except those owned and used by the Federal Government, shall be titled and registered, and shall display registration plates as is now provided for privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

APPROVED—The 11th day of May, A. D. 1955.

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