

No. 231

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 the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. from vehicle registration and title fees.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section seven hundred twenty-two, 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:

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

The Vehicle Code.

Subsection (a), 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.

society in this Commonwealth, (f) the American Red Cross, (g) churches, (h) Girl 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., 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) *the Y. M. C. A.* (n) *the Y. W. C. A.* (o) 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.

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APPROVED—The 7th day of December, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 232

AN ACT

Amending the act of May eleven, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1210), entitled "An act relating to group life insurance; describing permitted policies and restrictions thereon, the premium basis thereof and rights thereunder; limiting the amount of such insurance; prescribing standard