

surgery. Such persons, except as herein provided with regard to major surgery, shall have the legal status of physicians and surgeons under the statutes of the Commonwealth.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of February, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER.

No. 312

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," further regulating passing school buses and loading zones and eliminating school bus stop signs.

The Vehicle Code.

Clause (10), subsection (b), section 828, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, added May 26, 1949, P. L. 1884, amended.

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

Section 1. Clause (10) of subsection (b) of section eight hundred twenty-eight, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws nine hundred five), known as "The Vehicle Code," added May twenty-six, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1884), is amended to read:

Section 828. School Buses; Safety Requirements.—

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(b) No person shall own or operate a school bus carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth in a school bus that, in addition to the other requirements of this act, does not conform with the following:

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(10) Every school district transporting pupils by school bus shall establish and maintain *loading zones* at or near all schools to or from which pupils are trans-

ported, [off the highway loading zones] and shall establish [and designate] school bus loading zones along the highways traversed by school buses. [by erecting thereat official "School Bus Stop" signs. Such signs as may be required by this section shall be furnished and maintained by the school districts and shall be erected by the authorities responsible for the maintenance of the highway.]

Such loading zones shall be located off the travelable portion of the highway wherever practicable. The Secretary of Highways, with respect to State highways, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, shall have the authority to determine if any school bus loading zone established as herein provided is hazardous to any other users of the highway and if he so finds he may discontinue the same or cause it to be relocated to a point where such hazard will be eliminated.

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Section 2. Section 1017.1 of the act, added May twenty-six, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1884), is repealed.

Section 1017.1
act of May 1,
1929, P. L. 905,
added May 26,
1949, P. L. 1884,
repealed.

Section 3. The act is amended by adding after section 1017 thereof a new section 1017.1 to read:

Act of May 1,
1929, P. L. 905,
amended by
adding a new
section 1017.1.

Section 1017.1. Passing School Buses.—

(a) On highways having roadways not divided by safety islands or physical traffic separation installation, the driver of any vehicle approaching or overtaking a school bus conforming to the requirements of this act, which is being used solely for the transportation of children to or from school and which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, shall stop his vehicle not less than ten feet from the school bus and keep his vehicle stationary until any child has entered the bus or has alighted and reached the side of the highway.

(b) On highways having dual or multiple roadways separated by safety islands or physical traffic separation installations, the driver of any vehicle overtaking a school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child shall stop his vehicle not less than ten feet from the school bus and keep his vehicle stationary until any child has entered the bus or has alighted and reached the side of the highway.

(c) On highways having dual or multiple roadways separated by safety islands or physical traffic separation installations, the driver of a vehicle on another roadway approaching a school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child

shall reduce the speed of his vehicle to not more than fifteen miles per hour, and shall not resume normal speed until his vehicle has passed the school bus and any child who may have alighted therefrom or is about to enter the school bus.

(d) Whenever a school bus is parked at the curb for the purpose of receiving children directly from a school or discharging children to enter a school which is located on the same side of the street as that on which the school bus is parked, drivers of vehicles shall be permitted to pass the school bus without stopping but at a speed not in excess of fifteen miles per hour.

(e) The driver of any school bus being used solely for the transportation of children to or from school shall not start his bus until every child who may have alighted therefrom shall have reached a place of safety.

Penalty.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50) and costs of prosecution for the first offense, and not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and costs of prosecution for each subsequent offense.

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GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 313

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 685), entitled "An act designating certain life insurance companies as limited life insurance companies, and further describing the powers thereof," further regulating the powers of limited life insurance companies.

Limited Life Insurance Companies.

Section 2, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 685, amended May 25, 1951, P. L. 414, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section two, act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 685), entitled "An act designating certain life insurance companies as limited life insurance companies, and further describing the powers thereof," amended May twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 414), is amended to read:

Section 2. Powers.—All limited life insurance companies are hereby specifically empowered to issue policies