

No. 387

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," prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles with certain types of mufflers or exhaust systems; and changing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section eight hundred nineteen, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended June twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 751), is amended to read:

The Vehicle Code.

Section 819, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended June 22, 1931, P. L. 751, further amended.

Section 819. Prevention of Noise.—

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, except fire department and fire patrol apparatus, on a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler, in good working order, and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise.

(b) It shall be unlawful to use a muffler cut-out, or a bi-pass in a muffler, on any motor vehicle, except fire department and fire patrol apparatus.

(c) *No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway (1) equipped with a muffler from which the baffles plates, screens or other original internal parts have been removed and not replaced; or (2) equipped with an exhaust system which has been modified in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.*

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 ten (\$10) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days] *not to exceed twenty-five (\$25) dollars, or to undergo imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both.*

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER.

No. 388

AN ACT

Amending the act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 207), entitled "An act providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent, liens shall be allowed for taxes and for municipal improvements, for the removal of nuisances, and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates; for the procedure upon claims filed therefor; the methods for preserving such liens and enforcing payment of such claims; the effect of judicial sales of the properties liened; the disbursement of the proceeds of such sales, and the redemption of the property therefrom; for the lien and collection of certain taxes heretofore assessed, and of claims for municipal improvements made and nuisances removed, within six months before the passage of this act; and for the procedure on tax and municipal claims filed under other and prior acts of Assembly," further regulating the sale of real property for the non-payment of tax and municipal claims and providing for the discharge of all liens, mortgages, ground rents, estates and claims against such property by such sale, subject to the right of redemption, in cities of the first class.

Municipal Liens.

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

Act of May 16,
1923, P. L. 207,
amended by
adding a new
section 31.2.

Section 1. The act of May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 207), entitled "An act providing when, how, upon what property, and to what extent, liens shall be allowed for taxes and for municipal improvements, for the removal of nuisances, and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates; for the procedure upon claims filed therefor; the methods for preserving such liens and enforcing payment of such claims; the effect of judicial sales of the properties liened; the distribution of the proceeds of such sales, and the redemption of the property therefrom; for the lien and collection of certain taxes heretofore assessed, and of claims for municipal improvements made and nuisances removed, within six months before the passage of this act; and for the pro-