for the recording of deeds in and for the proper county, where the principal office or place of business of said corporation is located, and from thenceforth the same shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the charter To be deemed or instrument upon which said corporation was formed or established, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had originally been made a part thereof: Provided, That Proviso. nothing herein contained shall authorize the amendment including the right to extend the term of existence of the corporation or the territory in which the corporation may operate, alteration, improvement or extension of the charter of any gas or water company, so as to interfere with or cover territory previously occupied by any other gas or water company.

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Section 4. Section 4 of the act is amended to read:

Section 4. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to repeal or authorize the repeal of any of the requirements or restrictions of the said act of April twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventyfour and its supplements, nor to dispense with any of the provisions of the said act, nor to authorize the right Nor right of of eminent domain to be given to any corporation by amendment including the right to extend the term of existence of the corporation or the territory in which the corporation may operate, of its charter, nor to permit any change in the objects and purposes of such corpora- Nor original tion as shown by its original charter.

Section 4 of the act amended.

Act of April 29, 1874, not repealed or impaired.

eminent domain acquired.

charter changed.

Approved—The 14th day of June, A. D. 1957.

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## No. 165

## AN ACT

Amending the act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 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," enlarging the jurisdiction of magistrates in cities of the first class for violation of summary provisions of the act. The Vehicle Code.

Subsection (a), section 1201, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended April 20, 1956, P. L. 1502, and May 28, 1956, P. L. 1769, further amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1201, act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended April 20, 1956 (P. L. 1502), and May 28, 1956 (P. L. 1769), is amended to read:

Section 1201. Limitations of Actions.—

(a) Informations, charging violations of any of the summary provisions of this act, shall be brought before the nearest available magistrate within the city, borough, incorporated town, or township in the county where the alleged violation occurred, except for informations charging any such violations in the city of Philadelphia which shall be brought before any magistrate of the Traffic Court of Philadelphia, and except information charging any such violations upon any turnpike or highway under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, which shall be brought before the available magistrate within the county where the alleged violation occurred who is nearest to the first exit from that part of the turnpike or highway where the alleged violation occurred; where there is no substantial difference between the respective distances from the place where the alleged violation occurred or the exit from a turnpike to the offices of more than one magistrate, any such prosecution may be brought before any one of such magistrates, or if there is no person holding the office of magistrate in such city, borough, incorporated town, or township, then such information shall be brought before such nearest available magistrate in any adjoining city, borough, incorporated town, or township in the county, within fifteen (15) days after the commission of the alleged offense and not thereafter, except that where an information is filed against a person prima facie guilty of a summary offense, and it subsequently appears that a person other than the person named in the information was the offender, an information may be filed against such other person within fifteen (15) days after his or her identity shall have been discovered, and excepting further, that informations charging violations of the provisions of sections 205, 207, 210, 212, 213, 406.1, 506(a), 511, 610.1, 620(b), (c), (j), 813, 823.1, 1023.1 and 1025(d) of this act may be brought within fifteen (15) days after it is discovered that a violation of any of these sections has been committed.

Approved—The 14th day of June, A. D. 1957.

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