

the registration year over the estimate thereof previously paid or, if the estimate previously paid exceeds the corrected cost, the excess shall be promptly refunded to the fleet owner after the filing of the statement.

(6) *The department may require fleet owners, registering under this subsection, to submit, under oath, any additional information that it may deem necessary for the proper administration of the provisions of this section.*

The provisions of this subsection (b.1) shall not affect the right of the secretary to enter into reciprocity agreements as provided for in this act.

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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.

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect beginning with the registration period beginning June 1, 1958.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 438

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," changing the provisions relating to the limitations on size of certain vehicles.

The Vehicle
Code.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 902, act of May 1, 1929 (P. L. 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended March 6, 1956 (P. L. 1225), is amended to read:

Subsection (a), section 902, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended March 6, 1956, P. L. 1225, further amended.

Section 902. Size of Vehicles and Loads.—(a) No vehicle, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, street sweepers, and snow plows, shall exceed a total maximum width, including any load thereon, of ninety-six (96) inches, except that the limitations as to size of vehicle stated in this act shall not apply to vehicles loaded with hay or straw in bulk, *nor, from daylight to dusk, to vehicles with nondivisible loads, except when on the Pennsylvania Turnpike *or the National system of Interstate and Defense Highway. Vehicles with nondivisible loads may be of a total width, including any load thereon, of one hundred two (102) inches on highways twenty (20) feet or more in width on the improved travelable portion exclusive of shoulders, etc.*

*Nondivisible loads, as used in this section **mean that portion of the load which cannot be reduced in size, or which is wholly impractical to divide, or which cannot be adjusted on the vehicle safely so as to be transported within the legal size limitations as provided by this act.*

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