

formation 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, 407, 507(a), 512, 612, 624(2), (3), (8), 818, 834, 1025 [and], 1027(d) and 1218 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.

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Section 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1959. Effective date.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 151

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58) (Act No. 32), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," by requiring vehicles loaded with hay or straw to display red light on rear or be driven only during daylight hours.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 801, of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58) (Act No. 32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Subsection (i), section 801, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, Act No. 32, amended.

Section 801. Required Lighting Equipment.—

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(i) Lights on Other Vehicles.—All vehicles not required in this act to be equipped with specific lighted lamps, shall carry one (1) or more lighted lamps or lanterns, displaying a white light visible, under normal atmospheric conditions, from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the front, and with a lamp

* "Section" in original.

or lantern displaying a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear of such vehicles, except for vehicles, other than motor vehicles, loaded with hay or straw in bulk *when operated upon the highways during daylight hours.*

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1959.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 152

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58) (Act No. 32), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," by making registration plates of all vehicles and tractors *prima facie* evidence as to ownership of such vehicles or tractors.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Section 1212, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, Act No. 32, amended.

Section 1. Section 1212, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58) (Act No. 32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 1212. Registration Number *Prima Facie* Evidence.—In any proceeding for a violation of the provisions of this act or any local ordinance, rule or regulation, the registration plate displayed on such vehicle *or tractor* shall be *prima facie* evidence that the owner of such vehicle *or tractor* was then operating the same. If at any hearing or proceeding, the owner shall testify, under oath or affirmation, that he was not operating the said vehicle *or tractor* at the time of the alleged violation of this act or any local ordinance, rule or regulation, and shall submit himself to an examination as to who at that time was operating such [motor] vehicle *or tractor*, and reveal the name of the person, if known to him, or, if the information is made in a county other than that of his own residence, shall forward to the magistrate an affidavit setting forth these facts, then the *prima facie* evidence arising from the registration plate shall be overcome and removed and the burden of proof shifted.

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1959.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE