

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.

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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.

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