

No. 167

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," changing the permitted length of certain vehicles used in hauling livestock.

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

The Vehicle Code.

Section 1. Subsection (c), section 902, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58) (Act No. 32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Subsection (c), section 902, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, Act No. 32, amended.

Section 902. Size of Vehicles, Tractors and Loads.—

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(c) No vehicle or tractor, except motor buses, motor omnibuses and fire department equipment, shall exceed a total maximum length, including any load thereon, of four hundred twenty (420) inches, excepting that a semi-trailer designed exclusively for carrying motor vehicles, may exceed such total maximum length by not more than thirty (30) inches, *and excepting that semi-trailers designed exclusively for carrying livestock may exceed such total maximum length by not more than sixty (60) inches* and excepting that a refrigerating device attached to the front exterior of a semi-trailer shall be disregarded in measuring the length of the semi-trailer, if the presence or absence of such device would not affect the length of the combination of vehicles in which such semi-trailer is operated. No combination of two (2) vehicles or tractors, inclusive of load and bumpers coupled together, shall exceed a total maximum length of six hundred (600) inches. [excepting that nothing] *Nothing* in this subsection shall prohibit the transportation by a combination of vehicles of articles impossible of dismemberment, which do not exceed seventy (70) feet.

(1) No motor vehicle or tractor, except a tractor of the first class, shall be operated upon a highway drawing, or having attached thereto, more than one (1) other vehicle: Provided, That a trailer not exceeding ten (10) feet in length may be attached to one (1) motor vehicle for the purpose of towing another vehicle requiring service, to which such trailer is also attached.

(2) The distance between any two (2) vehicles, or between a tractor and another vehicle, one of which is towing or drawing the other, shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet from one (1) vehicle to the other, except when

the load on the towed vehicle is coupled directly to and is not more than five (5) feet from the towing vehicle. Whenever the connection consists of a chain, rope, bar or cable, there shall be displayed, upon such connection, a flag not less than twelve (12) inches in length and width. Every trailer, while being drawn upon the highway, shall be so attached to the vehicle drawing the same as to prevent the wheels of such trailer from deflecting more than six (6) inches from the path of the drawing vehicle's wheels.

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of July, A. D. 1959.

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No. 168

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P. L. 903), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the third class to establish an optional retirement system for officers and employes independently of any pension system or systems existing in such cities," changing the provisions of the act requiring the city to contribute to the pension fund on account of its unfunded liability.

Third class cities, optional retirement system independent of any pension system.

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

Section 10.1, act of May 23, 1945, P. L. 903, added June 1, 1956, P. L. 1971, further amended.

Section 1. Section 10.1, act of May 23, 1945 (P. L. 903), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the third class to establish an optional retirement system for officers and employes independently of any pension system or systems existing in such cities," added June 1, 1956 (P. L. 1971), is amended to read:

Section 10.1. Determination of Liability Upon Extension of Social Security.—Where a city has entered into an agreement with the Commonwealth to place its employes under the Federal Social Security Act, the board shall appoint an actuary, and may fix his compensation. The actuary shall determine the present value of the liability on account of pensions payable under the provisions of section four of this act to employes who are members of the system on the effective date of the agreement, and shall offset the value of any assets in the pension fund to determine the unfunded liability. [The actuary shall further determine the amount of such unfunded liability which shall be contributed by the city, each year, over a period not to exceed twenty-five years from the effective date of the agreement, until the accumulated reserve equals the present value of the liability] *The city may*