

when so ordered by the board, may be prohibited by the board from selling malt or brewed beverages.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 496

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), 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 vehicles operated in combination and granting the power to the Secretary of Highways to establish speed limits.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Subsection (c), section 902, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended July 21, 1959, P. L. 551 and October 13, 1959, P. L. 1312, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 902, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended July 21, 1959 (P. L. 551) and October 13, 1959 (P. L. 1312), is amended to read:

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

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(c) No *motor* 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,]. *No trailer or semi-trailer shall exceed a total maximum length including any load thereon of four hundred eighty (480) inches, 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 until but not after January 1, 1967, a combination of a trailer or semi-trailer and a truck-tractor which truck-tractor is properly registered in Pennsylvania on the effective date of this act may be of a total*

maximum length of six hundred sixty (660) inches inclusive of load and bumpers coupled together. 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: And provided further, That not more than two truck tractors, empty commercial motor vehicles, or the chassis therefor, may be attached to and transported by a truck tractor, commercial motor vehicle, or the chassis therefor, if the rear wheels of the vehicles so transported are the only wheels thereof which touch the road surface and the overall length of such combination of vehicles does not exceed fifty (50) feet in length.

(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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Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. Such fine shall be in addition to any penalty imposed by any other section or subsection of this act.

Section 2. Clause (8) subsection (b) section 1002 of the act, known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Clause (8),
subsection (b),
section 1002 of
the act, amended.

Section 1002. Restrictions as to Speed.—

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(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, speeds in excess of the maximum limits hereinafter provided shall be unlawful:

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(8) The Secretary of Highways may, after due investigation, establish [further restricted speed zones] *any speed limit* on State highways [outside of business and residence districts] where traffic conditions or other conditions of the highway make it [unsafe] *safe* to operate motor vehicles at the [maximum] speeds *other than* as provided by this act.

Any such established [restricted] speed [zone] *limit* shall be indicated by the erection of official signs, spaced not less than one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of a mile apart, on the right-hand side of the highway facing the traffic to be controlled, and at the end of the [restricted] speed zone there shall be an official sign indicating the end of such [restricted] speed zone, *except that on limited access highways the signs shall be placed at the beginning and end of said limited access highways and at reasonable intervals in the discretion of the Secretary of Highways.*

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Effective date.

Section 3. This act shall take effect December 31, 1961.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of August, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 497

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 15, 1933 (P. L. 624), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to the business of banking, and to the exercise of fiduciary powers by corporations; providing for the organization of corporations with fiduciary powers, and of banking corporations, with or without fiduciary powers, including the conversion of National banks into State Banks, and for the licensing of private bankers and employes' mutual banking associations; defining the right, powers, duties, liabilities and immunities of such corporations, of existent corporations authorized to engage in a banking business, with or without fiduciary power, of private bankers and employes' mutual banking associations, and of the officers, directors, trustees, shareholders, attorneys, and other employes of all such corporations, employes' mutual banking associations or private bankers, or of affiliated corporations, associations, or persons; restricting the exercise of banking powers by any other corporation, association, or person, and of fiduciary powers by any other corporation; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the courts, prothonotaries, recorders of deeds, and certain