

No. 306

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," prohibiting the installation or operation of certain radios on school buses, and providing penalties.

The Vehicle Code.

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

Subsection (b), section 840, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended by adding a new clause (13).

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 840, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding, after clause (12), a new clause to read:

Section 840. School Buses; Safety Requirements.—

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(b) No person shall own or operate a school bus carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth that, in addition to the other requirements of this act, does not conform with the following:

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(13) *No school bus shall be equipped with a radio, or have one therein installed, except one which is used for intercommunication or civil defense purposes. The provisions of this clause shall not apply to buses owned or operated by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, but it shall be unlawful to play or operate a radio therein when the bus is transporting school children and chaperons exclusively, except one which is used for intercommunication or civil defense purposes.*

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 not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not less than five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days.

APPROVED—The 8th day of August, A. D. 1963.

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No. 307

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 limitations upon the operation of commercial motor vehicles for carriage of passengers.

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

Section 1. Section 503, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read: Section 503, act of April 29, 1959, P. L. 58, amended.

Section 503. Use of Commercial Registration Plates Limited.—Except for transporting authorized employes of the owner or lessee, school children *along with chaperons not exceeding five (5) in number* for school purposes, and to and from extra-curricular activities, and children *along with chaperons not exceeding five (5) in number* between their homes and Sunday school in commercial motor vehicles owned by any school district, parochial school or private school, and school children *along with chaperons not exceeding five (5) in number* between their homes and school, and to and from extra-curricular activities if the person performing the extra-curricular transportation has a contract with the school or school district in which the school is located for the transportation of its students between their homes and school and children *along with chaperons not exceeding five (5) in number* between their homes and Sunday school in commercial motor vehicles operated, under contract, with any school district, parochial school or private school, it shall be unlawful for any person or political subdivision to operate any commercial vehicle for the carriage of passengers. A copy of any lease or contract shall be maintained in the vehicle at all times.

The clause extra-curricular activities shall include athletic, forensic, musical, dramatic or any other similar event or exhibition, held under the supervision of school authorities, in which the school children are participants or spectators, and in which the school is represented by a team or participating body.

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 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

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