

No. 267

AN ACT

SB 59

Amending the act of May 21, 1931 (P. L. 149), entitled, as amended, "An act imposing a State tax, payable by those herein defined as distributors, on liquid fuels used or sold and delivered within the Commonwealth, which are practically, and commercially suitable for use in internal combustion engines for the generation of power; providing for the collection and lien of the tax, and the distribution and use of the proceeds thereof; requiring such distributors to secure permits, to file corporate surety bonds and reports, and to retain certain records; imposing duties on retail dealers, common carriers, county commissioners, and such distributors; providing for rewards; imposing certain costs on counties; conferring powers and imposing duties on certain State officers and departments; providing for refunds; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation," permitting expenditures for the acquisition, maintenance, repair and operation of traffic signs and traffic signals.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10, act of May 21, 1931 (P. L. 149), known as "The Liquid Fuels Tax Act," amended January 26, 1966 (P. L. 1614) is amended to read:

Section 10. Disposition and Use of Tax.—(a) One-half cent per gallon of the permanent tax collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the State Treasury; and such moneys, paid into said fund, are hereby specifically appropriated for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

The moneys so paid into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, except those that are refunded as hereinafter provided, shall be paid to the respective counties of this Commonwealth, less such amounts as represent the difference between the annual fees prescribed in sections 709 and 710 of "The Vehicle Code" and those fees charged pursuant to section 710.1 of "The Vehicle Code" for annual registration of each motor vehicle operated by mass transportation systems, on the first day of June and December of each year, in the ratio that the average return made during the three (3) preceding years to each county bears to the average amount returned to all counties for the three preceding years: Provided, That the distribution of tax to the counties from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund that is payable the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, shall be made under the provisions of the acts of Assembly repealed by this act. Such amounts as represent the difference between the annual fees prescribed in sections 709 and 710 of "The Vehicle Code" and those fees charged pursuant to section 710.1 of "The Vehicle Code" shall be paid into the Motor License Fund.

All moneys received by the counties hereunder shall be deposited

¹ "section" in original.

and maintained in a special fund designated as the "County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund" into which no other moneys shall be deposited and commingled, except in any county which does not have sufficient money in such special fund to provide for payments designated in the current annual budget for payment from such special fund for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads, highways and bridges, property damages, compensation of viewers for services in eminent domain proceedings involving roads, highways and bridges, interest and principal payments on road or bridge bonds, or sinking fund charges for such bonds becoming due within the current calendar year and for the acquisition, maintenance, repair and operation of traffic signs and traffic signals. The

county, for the purpose of such payments and such payments only, may borrow and place in such special fund moneys, not in excess of the liquid fuels tax funds to be received during the current calendar year, and all such loans shall be repaid from such special fund before the expiration of the current calendar year and not thereafter. Moneys so received and deposited shall be used only for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of roads, highways and bridges, including the payment of property damage and compensation of viewers for services in eminent domain proceedings involving such roads, highways and bridges, now due or hereafter to become due, occasioned by or the relocation or construction of highways and bridges and for the payment of interest and sinking fund charges on bonds issued or used for highways and bridge purposes, or on so much of any bonds as have been used for such purposes and for the acquisition, maintenance, repair and operation

of traffic signs and traffic signals, and all payments made by any

county, either directly or indirectly, prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, for any or all such purposes are hereby validated: Provided, That no expenditures from the county liquid fuels tax fund shall be made by the county commissioners for new construction on roads or bridges without first having obtained the approval of the plans for such construction from the Department of Highways: And provided further, That the county commissioners shall not allocate moneys from the county liquid fuels tax fund to any political subdivision within the county, until the application and the contracts or plans for the proposed expenditures have been made on forms, prescribed, prepared and furnished, and first approved by the Department of Highways. The county commissioners of each county shall make to the Department of Highways, on or before the fifteenth day of January and July for the periods ending December thirty-first and June thirtieth, respectively, of each year, on forms prescribed, prepared, and furnished by the Department of Highways, a report showing the receipts and expenditures of such moneys received by the county, from the Commonwealth under the provisions of this section. Copies of such reports shall be transmitted

to the department and to the Department of the Auditor General for audit. Upon the failure of the county commissioners to file any one of such reports, or to make any payments, allocations or expenditures, in compliance with the provisions of this section, the department shall withhold further payments to the county out of the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund until the delinquent report is filed, transmitted, or said moneys allocated, or said expenditures for the prior six months are approved by the Department of Highways.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of November, A. D. 1967.

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No. 268

AN ACT

SB 86

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," requiring the display of signs on road building equipment rented by the Department of Highways.

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

Section 1. Section 2003, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding after clause (f), a new clause to read:

Section 2003. Machinery, Equipment, Lands and Buildings.—The Department of Highways shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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(f.1) To cause to be displayed on every piece of road building equipment rented by the department a sign indicating such rental. The department shall furnish such sign in every case to the con-