

## No. 150

## AN ACT

## HB 854

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," further providing for school bus standards.

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

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

Section 840. School Buses; Safety Requirements.—

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*'(a.2) Existing standards applicable to school buses on September 1, 1970 shall remain in effect until revised. Such standards, when hereafter promulgated by the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the department may be revised not oftener than once each year, and whenever new standards are adopted, they shall be published at least six (6) months before they shall become effective, and shall apply only to vehicles thereafter purchased or put in use. Whenever any such vehicle, other than vehicles operated by common carriers holding a certificate of the Public Utility Commission who also operate such vehicles over routes approved by such commission, is not classified as a school bus but has a pupil seating capacity in excess of ten (10) pupils, the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the department shall promulgate standards requiring by temporary or permanent signs and lights the identification of such vehicle as a school bus and the installation of lamps and signals, including the flashing red and amber signal lamps visible from the front and rear of such vehicle required by this act. The limitations as to the revision and publication of standards imposed on the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the department by this section shall not be applicable to the initial standards hereafter promulgated relative to such vehicles, but such limitations shall apply thereafter.*

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Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, *or standards or regulations promulgated thereunder* 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.

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<sup>1</sup>"(a.1)" in original.

Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1970.

APPROVED—The 9th day of December, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph P. Kelly". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*