No. 94

AN ACT

HB 1450

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 regulating brakes on mobile homes and house trailers.

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

Section 1. Subsection (q) of section 816, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended January 24, 1966 (P.L.1488), is amended to read:

Section 816. Brake Equipment.—

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(q) Mobile homes and house trailers which, when standing alone exceed a gross weight of three thousand (3,000) pounds or which, when coupled to their towing vehicles, exceed a gross weight of forty percent (40%) of the gross weight of such towing vehicles, shall be equipped with brakes so designed as to be applied upon both vehicles by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab. The brakes shall be so designed that they shall be applied to all wheels of the mobile home and house trailer and connected that, in case of an accidental breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes thereof shall be automatically applied, and stop and hold such towed vehicle for at least fifteen (15) minutes.

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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.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all mobile homes and house trailers transported in Pennsylvania which are manufactured after January 1, 1972 and to all house trailers registered and titled in Pennsylvania on or after September 1, 1972.

APPROVED—The 1st day of June, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 94.

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Secretary of the Commonwealth.