No. 130

AN ACT

HB 1046

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), 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," providing for appeals from the suspension of a certificate of appointment as an official inspection station to the court of common pleas and then to the Commonwealth Court.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 819, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended August 8, 1963 (P.L.581, No.300), is reenacted and amended to read:

Section 819. Official Inspection Stations.—

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If the secretary finds that the provisions of this act are not being complied with, or that the business of an official inspection station in connection with the corrections, adjustments, repairs or inspection of motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers is being improperly conducted, he shall suspend the certificate of appointment of any such station and require the immediate surrender and return of the certificate of appointment, together with all department forms: Provided, however, That if the servant or employe of any such inspection station shall without the authorization, knowledge or consent of his employer, violate any of the provisions of this act in reference to the inspection of vehicles, such violation or violations shall not be the cause of the suspension of the certificate of appointment, as herein provided, but such employe shall be subject to prosecution as hereinafter provided. Any person whose certificate of appointment is suspended under the provisions of this subsection may, within forty-five (45) days from the date thereof, appeal to the court of common pleas of the county wherein such official inspection station is located, and such court is hereby vested with jurisdiction, and it shall be its duty to set the matter down for hearing upon forty-five (45) days' written notice to the secretary, and thereupon to take testimony and examine into the facts of the case and to determine whether the petitioner is subject to suspension of his certificate of appointment under the provisions of this act. Any party aggrieved by a decision of a court of common pleas shall have the right of appeal to the [Superior Court] Commonwealth Court.

APPROVED-The 28th day of November, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 130.

C. DE Laver Tucker

Secretary of the Commonwealth.