

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1316

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. COMER, SULLIVAN, GROSS, MRS. ANDERSON,  
MESSRS. QUILES, RIEGER, RUSH, GLEESON, PIEVSKY, WOJDAK AND PERRY,  
JUNE 17, 1969

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 17, 1969

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," further prohibiting the abandonment and stripping of vehicles and providing for penalties.

1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY  
2 ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

3 Section 1. Section 1043, act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58), known as "The  
4 Vehicle Code," added July 31, 1968 (Act No. 263), is amended to read:

5 Section 1043. Abandonment and Stripping of Motor Vehicle Prohibited.--

6 (a) Except in cities of the second class, it shall be unlawful for any person to abandon  
7 a motor vehicle as defined in the definition of "Abandoned Motor Vehicles" in section  
8 102 of this act.

9 Penalty.--Any person violating any of the provisions of this [section] sub-  
10 section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a  
11 fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of pay-  
12 ment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

13 (b) In cities of the first class, it shall be unlawful for any person to remove  
14 the registration plates from a motor vehicle that is inoperable and leave it standing  
15 on or along any highway; and, it shall be unlawful for any person, except the owner  
16 or his agent, or as otherwise provided by this act to remove any part of an abandoned

1 motor vehicle or a motor vehicle that is inoperative without a registration plate and  
2 standing on or along any highway.

3 Penalty.--Any person violating the provisions of this subsection, shall, upon  
4 summary conviction, for the first offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of two hundred  
5 dollars (\$200.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment thereof, shall  
6 undergo imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days; and, for the second or subse-  
7 quent offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs  
8 of prosecution, and, in default of payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not  
9 more than sixty (60) days. Upon conviction for the offense for the first time, the  
10 secretary shall revoke the operating privileges of the person convicted for a period of  
11 two (2) years and upon conviction of the offense for a second or subsequent time, for  
12 a period of five (5) years.