

motor vehicle in excess of ninety inches in width, except traction engines, shall be operated on any highway in this State, and no traction engine in excess of one hundred inches in width shall be operated on any such highway, nor shall any motor vehicle be so operated in which the limit of load per inch in width of tires shall exceed six hundred and fifty pounds, without the special permission of the State Roads Commission in the case of a road under its jurisdiction, or the permission of the city authorities in the case of a city street, or the permission of the county authorities in the case of a county highway, and no motor vehicle, of which the weight of the truck and the load combined exceeds fourteen tons, shall be operated on any highway of this State. Except in the case of motor vehicles now owned and heretofore registered in this State, no certificate shall be granted for the registration of any motor vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of over five tons, and, except as aforesaid, no motor vehicle having a greater rated carrying capacity than five tons shall be operated over any public highway in this State, these provisions being absolutely necessary in the opinion of the General Assembly for the proper protection and continued maintenance of the public highways of this State.

(3) OTHER VEHICLES.

No motor vehicle shall be operated upon any public highway of this State at a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles an hour in the thickly settled or business parts of cities, towns or villages, or twenty miles per hour in the outlying or not thickly settled parts of cities, towns or villages. If the rate of speed of a motor vehicle operated upon any public highway exceeds twenty-five miles per hour in the open country outside of the limits of cities, towns or villages, such rate of speed shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person operating such vehicle is operating the same at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, and in violation of the provisions of this section, and the burden of proof shall be upon him to show that such rate of speed was not greater than was reasonable and proper, as above set forth.

(4) MAXIMUM OF SPEED.

No motor vehicle shall be operated upon any highway of this State at a rate of speed greater than thirty-five miles per hour under any circumstances or conditions.

(5) PENALTIES.

Any person violating any of the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) or (3) of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense. Any person operating a motor vehicle upon any highway of this State at a rate of speed greater than thirty-five miles per hour, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than