

cross section of the tire is not maintained, and no motor vehicle, equipped with four wheels, of which the weight of the vehicle and the load combined exceeds twenty-five thousand (25,000) pounds shall be operated on any highway of this State, and no motor vehicle, equipped with six wheels, of which the weight of the vehicle and load combined exceeds forty thousand (40,000) pounds, 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, equipped with four wheels, having a rated carrying capacity of over five tons, nor of any motor vehicle, equipped with six wheels, having a rated carrying capacity of over ten tons, and, except as aforesaid, no motor vehicle, equipped with four wheels, having a greater rated carrying capacity than five tons, and no motor vehicle, equipped with six wheels, having a greater rated carrying capacity than ten 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.

No motor vehicle shall be operated with a greater load than that for which a registration certificate has been issued and fee paid.

(3) *Speed of Other Vehicles.*

No motor vehicle shall be operated upon any public highway of this State at a rate of speed exceeding twenty miles an hour in the thickly settled or business parts of cities, towns and villages, or twenty-five 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 thirty-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. No motor vehicle equipped with a commercial body, the weight of which, including the body and load, is greater than three (3) tons shall be operated at a rate of speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour under any circumstances.

(4) *Maximum of Speed.*

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

(5) *Penalties.*

Any person violating any of the provisions of sub-sections (1) or (3) of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a