
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STEELE, SANCHEZ AND KHAN, MAY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 18, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in commercial drivers, further providing for
3 definitions; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or
4 utilizing drugs, further providing for driving under
5 influence of alcohol or controlled substance and for
6 authorized use not a defense.

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

9 Section 1. The definition of "controlled substance" in
10 section 1603 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 1603. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Controlled substance." Any substance so defined or
18 classified, except marijuana used lawfully in accordance with
19 the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical
20 Marijuana Act, under:

1 (1) The act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as
2 The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

3 (2) Section 102(6) of the Controlled Substance Act
4 (Public Law 91-513, 21 U.S.C. § 802(6)).

5 (3) Schedules I through V of 21 CFR Part 1308.

6 (4) Any revisions to paragraphs (2) or (3) which are
7 published by the Department of Transportation as notices in
8 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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10 Section 2. Sections 3802(d)(1) and 3810 of Title 75 are
11 amended to read:

12 § 3802. Driving under influence of alcohol or controlled
13 substance.

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15 (d) Controlled substances.--An individual may not drive,
16 operate or be in actual physical control of the movement of a
17 vehicle under any of the following circumstances:

18 (1) There is in the individual's blood any amount of
19 [a]:

20 (i) a Schedule I controlled substance, as defined in
21 the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The
22 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act,
23 except marijuana used lawfully in accordance with the act
24 of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical
25 Marijuana Act;

26 (ii) a Schedule II or Schedule III controlled
27 substance, as defined in The Controlled Substance, Drug,
28 Device and Cosmetic Act, which has not been medically
29 prescribed for the individual; or

30 (iii) metabolite of a substance under subparagraph

1 (i) or (ii).

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3 § 3810. Authorized use not a defense.

4 The fact that a person charged with violating this chapter is
5 or has been legally entitled to use alcohol [or], controlled
6 substances or marijuana in compliance with the act of April 17,
7 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, is not
8 a defense to a charge of violating this chapter.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.