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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 31, 2005

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for the regulated use of bioptic  
3 telescopic lens systems.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1517.1. Bioptic telescopic lens system usage.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall issue regulations  
10 that allow for the restricted licensing of drivers with low  
11 vision, including the use of a bioptic telescopic lens system.

12 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
13 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
14 subsection:

15 "Bioptic telescopic lens system." A two-focus optical system  
16 used to magnify distant objects by including a small telescope  
17 that is mounted in a spectacle lens in a manner to allow an  
18 unobstructed view of the horizontal visual field through a

1 person's normal distance corrective lens.

2 "Low vision." The condition of having a corrected visual  
3 acuity in the best eye equivalent to 20/200 or better and a  
4 visual field of 120 degrees horizontally and 80 degrees  
5 vertically, but insufficient to meet the minimum visual acuity  
6 standards set forth by the Department of Transportation to  
7 obtain a restricted license without the use of bioptic  
8 telescopic lens system.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.