

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DOMBROWSKI, BELLOMINI, HOPKINS, DiCARLO, HASKELL,  
ARTHURS, R. W. WILT, D. S. HAYES AND PETRARCA,  
FEBRUARY 3, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 3, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An  
2 act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor  
3 Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and  
4 other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of  
5 vehicles and tractors," providing additional safety  
6 requirements for vehicles and trailers loaded with logs and  
7 authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to establish  
8 minimum standards.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 842, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58,  
12 No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

13 Section 842. Vehicles and Trailers Loaded with Logs.--It  
14 shall be unlawful to operate, on any highway or street in this  
15 Commonwealth, any motor vehicle, commercial motor vehicle or  
16 truck tractor, or any motor vehicle, commercial motor vehicle or  
17 truck tractor in combination with a trailer or semi-trailer, and  
18 loaded with logs of any size, unless the logs are securely  
19 fastened with at least three (3) binders, chains or straps and,  
20 in the case of an open-body or stake-body vehicle, trailer or

1 semi-trailer, unless there is also a sufficient number of  
2 vertical metal stakes or posts securely attached on each side of  
3 the vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer at least as high as the top  
4 of the load to secure such load in the event of a failure of the  
5 binders, chains or straps. The Secretary of Transportation may  
6 make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations establishing  
7 minimum standards relating to the number, type, size, location  
8 and installation of devices and equipment required in this  
9 section.

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

15       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.