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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 28, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for parking for handicapped
3 persons; further providing for the use of hearing impairment
4 devices; providing for inspection of motorcycles; and adding
5 provisions relating to motorcycle safety.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 3314 and 3354(d)(1) of Title 75 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

11 (a) General rule.--No driver shall operate a vehicle while
12 wearing or using one or more headphones~~†, ‡~~ ~~or~~ earphones for any <—
13 similar device which the department by regulation determines
14 would impair the ability of the driver to hear traffic sounds~~†~~. <—

15 ~~(b) Exception.~~ <—

16 ~~(1) This section does not prohibit the use of hearing~~

1 ~~aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the~~
2 ~~driver.~~

3 ~~(2) This section shall not apply to motorcycle operators~~
4 ~~complying with section 3525 (relating to protective equipment~~
5 ~~for motorcycle riders).~~

6 (B) EXCEPTION.--THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF <—
7 HEARING AIDS OR OTHER DEVICES FOR IMPROVING THE HEARING OF THE
8 DRIVER NOR DOES IT PROHIBIT THE USE OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
9 BY MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS COMPLYING WITH SECTION 3525 (RELATING TO
10 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS).

11 § 3354. Additional parking regulations.

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13 (d) Handicapped persons and disabled veterans.--

14 (1) When a motor vehicle bearing registration plates or
15 displaying a placard issued to handicapped persons or
16 disabled veterans as prescribed in this title is being
17 operated by or for the transportation of the handicapped
18 person or disabled veteran, the driver shall be relieved of
19 any liability for parking for a period of 60 minutes in
20 excess of the legal parking period permitted by local
21 authorities except where local ordinances or police
22 regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic
23 during morning, afternoon or evening hours.

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25 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section and a
26 chapter to read:

27 § 4708. Inspection of motorcycles.

28 An annual system of inspections in accordance with section
29 4702 (relating to requirements for periodic inspection of
30 vehicles) shall be established for motorcycles according to the

following schedule:

(1) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of January and July shall be inspected in the months of May, June or July.

(2) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of February and August shall be inspected in the months of June, July or August.

(3) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of March and September shall be inspected in the months of July, August or September.

(4) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of April and October shall be inspected in the months of August, September or October.

(5) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of May and November shall be inspected in the months of March, April or May.

(6) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of June and December shall be inspected in the months of April, May or June.

CHAPTER 79

MOTORCYCLES

Subchapter

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SUBCHAPTER A

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec.

7901. Short title of chapter.

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7903. Waiver of examination.

1 7904. Fees.

2 7905. Restricted receipts account.

3 § 7901. Short title of chapter.

4 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
5 Motorcycle Safety Law.

6 § 7902. Definitions.

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

10 "Approved motorcycle safety course." A course of motorcycle
11 safety education approved by the department and offered by
12 public schools or other organizations which meet instructional,
13 course and teacher certification requirements of this
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Motorcycle Safety Education Account." A restricted receipts
16 account established from fees assessed by this chapter.

17 § 7903. Waiver of examination.

18 Applicants who have successfully completed an approved
19 motorcycle safety course shall be deemed to have met the
20 requirements of the motorcycle operator's license examination
21 administered by the department and the examination shall be
22 waived.

23 § 7904. Fees.

24 Fees relating to motorcycle licenses for motorcycle operators
25 to be collected by the department under this chapter SHALL BE IN <—
26 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEES IMPOSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
27 TITLE AND are as follows:

28 (1) ~~A~~ AN ADDITIONAL fee of \$2 shall be assessed and <—
29 collected for each original motorcycle operator's license.

30 (2) ~~A~~ AN ADDITIONAL fee of \$2 shall be assessed and <—

1 collected for each annual renewal of a motorcycle operator's
2 license.

3 (3) ~~A~~ AN ADDITIONAL fee of \$2 shall be assessed and <—
4 collected for each motorcycle learner's permit.

5 (4) ~~A~~ AN ADDITIONAL fee of \$2 shall be assessed and <—
6 collected for each replacement motorcycle operator's license.

7 § 7905. Restricted receipts account.

8 The department shall deposit all moneys received from THE <—
9 ADDITIONAL fees collected under this chapter in a restricted
10 receipts fund, which shall be known as the Motorcycle Safety
11 Education Account, and such moneys shall be applied to the costs
12 incurred in administering and conducting motorcycle safety
13 education programs.

14 SUBCHAPTER B

15 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION

16 Sec.

17 7911. Motorcycle safety education program.

18 § 7911. Motorcycle safety education program.

19 The department shall establish a motorcycle safety education
20 program throughout this Commonwealth. It shall approve and
21 conduct an annual review of course material for authorized
22 schools. It shall certify all instructors and shall include a
23 uniform curriculum for the course of instruction and training
24 requirements for instructors. The department shall be
25 responsible for certifying schools to conduct approved
26 motorcycle safety courses and shall adopt such necessary rules
27 and regulations to govern the administration of motorcycle
28 education within this Commonwealth.

29 Section 3. (a) The provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3314
30 (relating to prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices) and

1 75 Pa.C.S. § 3354(d) (relating to additional parking
2 regulations) shall take effect immediately.

3 (b) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 90 days.