
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2174 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY D. R. WRIGHT, MAY 15, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 15, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the occupancy of trailing
3 vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

8 § 102. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
12 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
13 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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15 "Trailing vehicle." A vehicle that cannot be steered by an
16 occupant of the vehicle, which vehicle is being drawn behind a
17 motor vehicle.

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1 Section 2. Section 3706 of Title 75 is amended to read:
2 § 3706. Riding in [house trailers, mobile homes or boats on
3 trailers] trailing vehicles.

4 (a) General rule.--No person [or persons] shall occupy a
5 [house trailer, mobile home or boat on a trailer while it is
6 being moved upon] trailing vehicle on a highway.

7 (b) Towing prohibited.--No person shall tow on a highway a
8 [house trailer, mobile home or boat on a trailer] trailing
9 vehicle occupied by a passenger [or passengers].

10 (c) Exception for certain semitrailers.--A semitrailer which
11 is attached to a truck in an articulating manner by means of a
12 fifth wheel semitrailer coupling device attached to the carrying
13 compartment of the truck may be occupied by a passenger or
14 passengers. The coupling device shall have a two-inch or larger
15 kingpin. All windows shall have safety glass. Some means of
16 electrical or electronic communications approved by the
17 department is required between the cab of the truck and the
18 semitrailer.

19 (d) Exception for other vehicles.--Subsections (a) and (b)
20 do not apply to trailing vehicles drawn by implements of
21 husbandry or trailers approved by the Public Utility Commission
22 for carrying passengers.

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