

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 932

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BELARDI AND CAWLEY, MARCH 18, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 18, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the
3 commencement of proceedings.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5553 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5553. Summary offenses involving vehicles.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b) or
10 (c), proceedings for summary offenses under Title 75 (relating
11 to vehicles) must be commenced within [30] 60 days after the
12 commission of the alleged offense or within [30] 60 days after
13 the discovery of the commission of the offense or the identity
14 of the offender, whichever is later, and not thereafter.

15 (b) Minor offenses.--Except as provided in subsection (c),
16 proceedings for summary offenses under the following provisions
17 of Title 75 must be commenced within [30] 60 days after the
18 commission of the alleged offense or within [30] 60 days after

1 the discovery of the commission of the offense or the identity
2 of the offender, whichever is later, and not thereafter:

3 Chapter 31 (relating to general provisions).

4 Chapter 33 (relating to rules of the road in general).

5 Chapter 35 (relating to special vehicles and
6 pedestrians).

7 Subchapters A (relating to offenses in general) and C
8 (relating to accidents and accident reports) of Chapter 37.

9 (c) Exception.--Where proceedings are timely commenced
10 against a person reasonably believed to have committed the
11 offense charged and it subsequently appears that a person other
12 than the person charged is the offender, proceedings may be
13 commenced against the other person within [30] 60 days after the
14 identity of the person is discovered and not thereafter.

15 (d) Local ordinances on overtime parking.--Local ordinances
16 pertaining to overtime parking shall be subject to the
17 provisions of this section.

18 (e) Disposition of proceedings within two years.--No
19 proceedings shall be held or action taken pursuant to a summary
20 offense under Title 75 subsequent to two years after the
21 commission of the offense.

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