

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY VEON, PETRARCA, BLAUM, TRELLO, S. H. SMITH,
GIGLIOTTI, KOSINSKI, DERMODY AND MIHALICH, NOVEMBER 12, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 12, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the operation of certain
3 vehicles by holders of Class C and Class M licenses and for
4 disqualification for certain first offense violations.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1504(d)(3) and (4) and 1611(a)(1) of
8 Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
9 to read:

10 § 1504. Classes of licenses.

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12 (d) Number and description of classes.--Licenses issued by
13 the department shall be classified in the following manner:

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15 (3) Class C.--A Class C license shall be issued to those
16 persons 18 years of age or older, except as provided in
17 section 1503 (relating to persons ineligible for licensing),
18 who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate any
19 single vehicle, except those vehicles requiring a Class M

1 qualification, with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more
2 than 26,000 pounds or any [such vehicle towing a vehicle if
3 the gross combination vehicle weight rating is not more than
4 26,000 pounds] combination of vehicles, except combination
5 vehicles involving motorcycles, that does not meet the
6 definition of either Class A or Class B of this section.

7 (i) Where required under this title, appropriate
8 endorsements must be obtained.

9 (ii) Any firefighter who is the holder of a Class C
10 license and who has a certificate of authorization from
11 his fire chief shall be authorized to operate any fire or
12 emergency vehicle registered to the fire department,
13 regardless of the other requirements of this section as
14 to the class of license required. No fire chief, fire
15 department, including any volunteer fire company, or
16 municipality shall be liable for any civil damages as a
17 result of the issuance of a certificate authorized under
18 this paragraph unless such act constituted a crime,
19 actual fraud, actual malice or willful misconduct.

20 (iii) The holder of a Class C license shall also be
21 authorized to drive a [motorized pedalcycle] motor-driven
22 cycle with an automatic transmission and cylinder
23 capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters or a three-
24 wheeled motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab, but not
25 a motorcycle unless the license is endorsed, as provided
26 in this title.

27 (4) Class M.--A Class M license shall be issued to those
28 persons who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate
29 a motorcycle [or motor-driven cycle]. A Class M license
30 accompanied by an endorsement shall be issued to those

1 persons who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate
2 a motor-driven cycle. If a person is qualified to operate
3 only a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, he shall be issued
4 [a Class M license only] only a Class M license or a Class M
5 license with an endorsement, as applicable.

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7 § 1611. Disqualification.

8 (a) Disqualification for first violation of certain
9 offenses.--Upon receipt of a certified copy of conviction, the
10 department shall, in addition to any other penalties imposed
11 under this title, disqualify any person from driving a
12 commercial motor vehicle for a period of one year for the first
13 violation of:

14 (1) section [3731(i)] 3731 (relating to driving under
15 the influence of alcohol or controlled substance), where the
16 violation occurred while the person was operating a
17 commercial motor vehicle;

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