THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DALEY, M. N. WRIGHT, PESCI, STISH, CLARK, MELIO, TRELLO, GEIST, VEON, TOMLINSON, SCHULER, KASUNIC, GIGLIOTTI AND BATTISTO, APRIL 27, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 27, 1993

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, providing for removal of vehicles from limited
- access highways and for the movement of vehicles after an
- 4 accident on limited access highways.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 9 § 3355. Removal of vehicle from limited access highway.
- 10 (a) General rule.--When an authorized department employee
- 11 finds a vehicle on a limited access highway in violation of
- 12 section 3353(a)(2)(vii) (relating to prohibitions in specified
- 13 places), the employee may move or cause the vehicle to be moved
- 14 to a position off the highway where the vehicle will not
- 15 interfere with the normal movement of traffic on the highway,
- 16 <u>interfere</u> with the maintenance of the highway or constitute a
- 17 safety hazard.
- 18 (b) Exception. -- This section shall not apply when the

- 1 vehicle has been involved in an accident resulting in serious
- 2 <u>injury</u>, as defined in section 1702 (relating to definitions), of
- 3 any person. In this case, the vehicle shall be moved only when
- 4 <u>directed by a police officer.</u>
- 5 Section 2. Section 3743(b) of Title 75 is amended and the
- 6 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 7 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or
- 8 property.
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- 10 (b) Exceptions. -- When an accident occurs on a limited access
- 11 highway or on the ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a
- 12 <u>limited access highway, each driver shall move his vehicle as</u>
- 13 soon as possible off the limited access highway or the ramp,
- 14 shoulder, median or adjacent area to the first available point
- 15 so as not to impede the normal and reasonable movement of
- 16 traffic on the limited access highway or constitute a safety
- 17 hazard.
- 18 [(b) Penalty.--]
- 19 (c) Penalties.--
- 20 (1) Any person violating [this section] subsection (a)
- is guilty of a summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$300
- or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 23 (2) Any person violating subsection (b) is guilty of a
- summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.