

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 2643 Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7, 1994

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, ~~providing for the designation of an emergency~~ <—  
3 ~~vehicle as a command post with appropriate green lights.~~  
4 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR VISUAL SIGNALS ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES <—  
5 AND ON AUTHORIZED VEHICLES.

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

8 ~~Section 1. Section 4572 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
9 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~

10 SECTION 1. SECTION 4571(D) OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <—  
11 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY  
12 ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

13 § 4571. VISUAL AND AUDIBLE SIGNALS ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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15 (C.2) AUTHORIZED USE OF GREEN LIGHTS.--

16 (1) ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
17 COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY SHALL AUTHORIZE OR

1 DELEGATE AUTHORIZATION BY FORMAL PROCESS FOR THE USE OF ONE  
2 OR MORE STATIONARY GREEN LIGHTS AT THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT,  
3 DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE LOCATION  
4 OF THE COMMAND POST. THIS AUTHORIZATION MAY BE RESCINDED OR  
5 REVIEWED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

6 (2) WHEN MORE THAN ONE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN A COUNTY IS  
7 AFFECTED BY AN ACCIDENT, DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY, THE  
8 COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR APPOINTED UNDER 35  
9 PA.C.S. (RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY), SHALL DESIGNATE THE  
10 COMMAND POST, WHICH MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY A FLASHING OR  
11 REVOLVING STATIONARY GREEN LIGHT IF THERE IS A JURISDICTIONAL  
12 DISPUTE.

13 (3) IN THE EVENT TWO OR MORE COUNTIES ARE INVOLVED AND  
14 AN AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED BY THE JURISDICTIONS, THE  
15 PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SHALL DECIDE THE  
16 COMMAND POST LOCATION OR LOCATIONS.

17 (4) WHENEVER A COMMAND POST IS ESTABLISHED, THE COUNTY  
18 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER SHALL BE NOTIFIED.

19 (5) IN THE EVENT A GUBERNATORIAL OR PRESIDENTIAL  
20 DISASTER OR EMERGENCY DECLARATION IS MADE, THE PENNSYLVANIA  
21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY MAY DETERMINE COMMAND POST  
22 LOCATION AND OPERATIONS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING AUTHORITIES,  
23 PLANS AND PROCEDURES.

24 (6) WHEN RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS ON STATE PROPERTY OR A  
25 STATE-CONTROLLED RIGHT-OF-WAY WHICH REQUIRE THE DESIGNATION  
26 OF A COMMAND POST, THE LOCATION OF THE COMMAND POST SHALL BE  
27 DETERMINED BY THE INITIAL RESPONDING UNIT OR UNITS. THE  
28 DESIGNATION OR SYSTEM OF COMMAND AND THE LOCATION OF THE  
29 COMMAND POST MAY BE CHANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY WITH  
30 DIRECT JURISDICTION OVER THE PROPERTY. DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE

1     DESIGNATION AND LOCATION OF A COMMAND POST SHALL BE RESOLVED  
2     BY THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

3     (D) VEHICLES PROHIBITED FROM USING SIGNALS.--EXCEPT AS  
4 OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS PART, NO VEHICLE OTHER  
5 THAN AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH REVOLVING OR  
6 FLASHING LIGHTS OR AUDIBLE WARNING SYSTEMS IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR  
7 TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) [AND], (B) AND (C.2).

8     SECTION 2. SECTION 4572 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
9 SUBSECTION TO READ:

10  § 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

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12     (b.1) Flashing or revolving green lights.--One stationary  
13 emergency vehicle at the scene of an accident, disaster or other  
14 emergency may operate flashing or revolving green lights to  
15 indicate that the vehicle is the AUTHORIZED incident command <—  
16 post at the scene.

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18     Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—