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J. TAYLOR, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for penalties for driving without
3 a license.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1501(d) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1501. Drivers required to be licensed.

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10 [(d) Penalty.--Any person violating subsection (a) is guilty
11 of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
12 pay a fine of \$200, except that, if the person charged furnishes
13 satisfactory proof of having held a driver's license valid on
14 the last day of the preceding driver's license period and no
15 more than one year has elapsed from the last date for renewal,
16 the fine shall be \$25. No person charged with violating
17 subsection (a) or (b) shall be convicted if the person produces

1 at the office of the issuing authority within 15 days of the
2 violation:

3 (1) a driver's license valid in this Commonwealth at the
4 time of the violation; or

5 (2) if the driver's license is lost, stolen, destroyed
6 or illegible, evidence that the driver was licensed at the
7 time of the violation.]

8 (d) Penalty.--Any person who violates subsection (a) for the
9 first time commits a misdemeanor of the third degree. Any person
10 who violates subsection (a) for the second time commits a
11 misdemeanor of the second degree. Any person who violates
12 subsection (a) for the third time commits a misdemeanor of the
13 first degree. Any person who violates subsection (a) for the
14 fourth time or for additional times commits a felony of the
15 third degree. Any person who violates subsection (a) and who is
16 also found to be under the influence of alcohol or narcotics
17 commits a felony of the third degree. An exception to the
18 provisions of this subsection is that, if the person charged
19 furnishes satisfactory proof of having held a driver's license
20 valid on the last day of the preceding driver's license period
21 and no more than 90 days have elapsed from the last date for
22 renewal, that person is guilty of a summary offense. No person
23 charged with violating subsection (a) or (b) shall be convicted
24 if the person produces at the office of the issuing authority
25 within 15 days of the violation:

26 (1) a driver's license valid in this Commonwealth at the
27 time of the violation; or

28 (2) if the driver's license is lost, stolen, destroyed
29 or illegible, evidence that the driver was licensed at the
30 time of the violation.

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