

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY TULLI, GEIST, RAYMOND, MARSICO, VANCE, EGOLF,
BELARDI, WAUGH, TRELLO, McCALL, WOGAN, HENNESSEY, MAITLAND,
ITKIN, BROWNE, SATHER, LYNCH, STERN AND BELFANTI,
FEBRUARY 5, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 5, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for the use of communication equipment.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3314 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

8 (a) General rule.--No driver shall operate a vehicle while
9 wearing or using one or more headphones or earphones.

10 (b) Exception.--This section does not prohibit the use of
11 hearing aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the
12 driver, nor does it prohibit the use of a headset in conjunction
13 with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one
14 ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other
15 ear, nor does it prohibit the use of communication equipment [by
16 the driver of an emergency vehicle or by motorcycle operators
17 complying with section 3525 (relating to protective equipment

1 for motorcycle riders)].

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