

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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CORRIGAN, ARMSTRONG, MUSTIO, CLYMER, HERSHEY, BELFANTI AND
HANNA, OCTOBER 14, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 14, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for unlawful sound amplification systems.

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

5 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 4523.1. Sound amplification systems.

8 (a) General rule.--No person shall operate or permit the
9 operation of any sound amplification system, including, but not
10 limited to, a radio, tape player, compact disc player or any
11 other mechanical or nonmechanical sound-making device, which can
12 be heard outside a motor vehicle from 50 or more feet away.

13 (b) Application.--This section shall not apply to:

14 (1) Any emergency or law enforcement vehicle equipped
15 with a sound-making system used to warn of an emergency or

1 hazardous situation or to request assistance.

2 (2) Any authorized emergency vehicle or vehicle operated
3 by a public utility provider which is providing information
4 or a warning deemed to serve the public safety.

5 (3) The sound systems of a vehicle for which a local
6 permit has been issued to be used for advertising, parades,
7 political, charitable or other events as so prescribed by
8 local ordinance.

9 (c) Penalty.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a
10 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
11 a fine of not more than \$100.

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