

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCAVELLO, TANGRETTI AND TIGUE, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for restrictions on mobile phone use.

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 § 3315. Restrictions on mobile phone use.

8 (a) Drivers subject to restriction.--No driver of a school
9 bus, school-chartered bus or other bus being used for the
10 exclusive transportation of school children as specified under
11 section 4553(a) and (b) (relating to general requirements for
12 other vehicles transporting school children) shall use a mobile
13 phone while operating such vehicle on a roadway.

14 (b) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to a driver
15 who has pulled off of a roadway and come to a complete stop
16 before using a mobile phone or who uses a mobile phone for the
17 purpose of reporting an accident or emergency.

1 (c) Penalty.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a
2 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
3 a fine of not less than \$100.

4 (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "mobile
5 phone" means a telecommunications device that receives an analog
6 signal or digital signal, or both, and that is designed for
7 portable use.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.