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YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 31, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 31, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for visual signals on authorized
3 vehicles and for identification of certain vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Sections 4572 and 4573 of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

9 (a) Flashing or revolving blue lights.--Ambulance personnel,
10 volunteer firefighters, certified volunteer search and rescue
11 scuba divers and owners and handlers of dogs used in tracking
12 humans may each equip one motor vehicle with no more than two
13 flashing or revolving blue lights.

14 (1) In order to be eligible to display lights on their
15 vehicles under this subsection, the names of the ambulance
16 personnel, volunteer firefighters and certified volunteer
17 search and rescue scuba divers shall be submitted to the
18 nearest station of the Pennsylvania State Police on a list

1 signed by the chief of the ambulance or fire department or
2 company, the head of the search and rescue scuba diving
3 organization, and each dog owner and handler shall register
4 at the nearest Pennsylvania State Police station.

5 (2) The manner in which the lights are displayed and
6 their intensity shall be determined by regulation of the
7 department.

8 (3) The lights shall be operable by the driver from
9 inside the vehicle.

10 (4) The lights may be used only while en route to or at
11 the scene of a fire or emergency call.

12 (5) The lights shall be removed from the vehicle
13 immediately upon receipt of notice from the chief of the
14 ambulance or fire department or company or the head of the
15 search and rescue scuba diving organization to remove the
16 lights upon termination of the person's status as an active
17 volunteer firefighter or ambulance person or upon termination
18 of the person's active status as a certified volunteer search
19 and rescue diver or dog owner or handler, or when the vehicle
20 is no longer used in connection with the person's duties as a
21 volunteer firefighter or ambulance person, certified
22 volunteer search and rescue diver or dog owner or handler.

23 (6) This subsection does not relieve the driver from the
24 duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons
25 nor exempt the driver from complying with all provisions of
26 this title.

27 (b) Flashing or revolving yellow lights.--[Vehicles
28 authorized pursuant to the provisions of sections 6106 (relating
29 to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State
30 Police) and 6107 (relating to designation of authorized vehicles

by department), tow trucks and vehicles used for snow removal may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights. The manner in which the light or lights shall be displayed and the intensity shall be determined by regulation of the department.]

(1) The following vehicles may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights:

(i) Vehicles authorized pursuant to the provisions of sections 6106 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police) and 6107 (relating to designation of authorized vehicles by department).

(ii) Tow trucks.

(iii) Vehicles used for snow removal.

(iv) Vehicles driven in a funeral procession.

(2) The manner in which the light or lights shall be displayed and the intensity shall be determined by regulation of the department.

(c) Vehicles prohibited from using lights.--No vehicle other than a duly authorized vehicle may be equipped with lights identical or similar to those specified in subsections (a) and (b). A person who equips or uses a vehicle with visual systems in violation of this section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

§ 4573. Identification of certain vehicles.

(a) Tow trucks.--Any truck which is used commercially to tow other motor vehicles shall have the name of the business, or person, operating such truck displayed on signs on both sides of such truck.

(b) Student driver vehicles.--

1 (1) Any vehicle that is being operated by a person with
2 a valid learner's permit issued under section 1505 (relating
3 to learners' permits) shall display a sign alerting other
4 drivers that the vehicle is being operated by a student
5 driver.

6 (2) The type of and manner in which the sign shall be
7 displayed shall be determined by regulation of the
8 department.

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