

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 430 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, COSTA, O'PAKE, YAW, KITCHEN, WAUGH,  
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in accidents and accident reports, further  
3 providing for the offenses of accidents involving death or  
4 personal injury and for accidents involving damage to  
5 attended vehicle or property; and providing for the offense  
6 of leaving scene of accident.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 3742(a) and 3743(a) of Title 75 of the  
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 3742. Accidents involving death or personal injury.

12 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as otherwise provided in  
13 section 3743.2 (relating to leaving scene of accident), the  
14 driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in  
15 injury or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle  
16 at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but  
17 shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain  
18 at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the  
19 requirements of section 3744 (relating to duty to give  
20 information and render aid). Every stop shall be made without

1 obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

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3 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or  
4 property.

5 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as otherwise provided in  
6 section 3743.2 (relating to leaving scene of accident), the  
7 driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in  
8 damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or  
9 attended by any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the  
10 scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall  
11 forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene  
12 of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of  
13 section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render  
14 aid). Every stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more  
15 than is necessary.

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17 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
18 § 3743.2. Leaving scene of accident.

19 (a) General rule.--The driver of a vehicle involved in an  
20 accident subject to the provisions of section 3742 (relating to  
21 accidents involving death or personal injury) or 3743 (relating  
22 to accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or property)  
23 who is in reasonable fear of his safety or the safety of his  
24 passengers:

25 (1) May leave the scene of the accident.

26 (2) Shall report the accident by telephone or in person  
27 to the nearest police department as soon as safely possible  
28 after the accident.

29 (3) Shall submit to the police department the  
30 information specified in section 3744 (relating to duty to

1     give information and render aid).

2     (b) Penalty.--Any person violating this section commits a  
3 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay  
4 a fine of \$300 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or  
5 both.

6     Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.