
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REESE, D. COSTA, READSHAW, MOUL, KORTZ, DENLINGER, GIBBONS,
MATZIE AND GABLER, JANUARY 22, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 22, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for
3 inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel; in
4 enforcement, further providing for investigation by police
5 officers.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 4704(a)(2) and 6308(b) of Title 75 of
9 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 4704. Inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel.

11 (a) Authority to inspect.--

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13 (2) Systematic vehicle inspection programs.--Any
14 Pennsylvania State Police officer or qualified Commonwealth
15 employee engaged in a systematic vehicle inspection program
16 may inspect any vehicle, driver, documents, equipment and
17 load to determine whether they meet standards established in
18 department regulations. No Commonwealth agency or political
19 subdivision shall accept Federal funds to establish a

1 systematic vehicle inspection program based on stopping only
2 a particular type of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck
3 or motorcycle. Notwithstanding this subsection, Federal
4 funding may be accepted if a program stops only commercial
5 motor vehicles, as defined in section 1603 (relating to
6 definitions).

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8 § 6308. Investigation by police officers.

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10 (b) Authority of police officer.--Whenever a police officer
11 is engaged in a systematic program of checking vehicles or
12 drivers or has reasonable suspicion that a violation of this
13 title is occurring or has occurred, he may stop a vehicle, upon
14 request or signal, for the purpose of checking the vehicle's
15 registration, proof of financial responsibility, vehicle
16 identification number or engine number or the driver's license,
17 or to secure such other information as the officer may
18 reasonably believe to be necessary to enforce the provisions of
19 this title. No Commonwealth agency or political subdivision
20 shall accept Federal funds to establish a systematic program of
21 checking vehicles or drivers based on stopping only a particular
22 type of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.
23 Notwithstanding this subsection, Federal funding may be accepted
24 if a program stops only commercial motor vehicles, as defined in
25 section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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