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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for
3 the definitions of "emergency service responder" and
4 "emergency vehicle."

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

7 Section 1. The definitions of "emergency service responder"
8 and "emergency vehicle" in section 102 of Title 75 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended November 4, 2015
10 (P.L.227, No.61), are amended to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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18 "Emergency service responder." An individual acting in an

1 official capacity as any of the following:

2 (1) A police officer.

3 (2) A sheriff or deputy sheriff.

4 (3) A coroner or deputy coroner.

5 (4) A firefighter.

6 (5) Fire police.

7 (6) A fire marshal.

8 (7) A medical examiner or deputy medical examiner.

9 (8) Rescue personnel.

10 (9) Ambulance personnel.

11 (10) Towing and recovery personnel.

12 (11) Highway maintenance and construction personnel.

13 (12) Hazardous material response team member.

14 (13) Emergency medical services personnel.

15 (14) Contractors or employees of a public utility as
16 defined under 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), a
17 municipally owned utility or an electric cooperative as
18 defined in 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73 (relating to electric
19 cooperative corporations).

20 (15) A police officer who is also a member of a county
21 or regional municipal Special Emergency Response Team which
22 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
23 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

24 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
25 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
26 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
27 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
28 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
29 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
30 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or

1 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
2 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
3 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
4 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
5 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
6 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
7 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
8 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
9 for police transport or victim extraction, any vehicle operated
10 by a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
11 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
12 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
13 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
14 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
15 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
16 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
17 vehicle owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike
18 Commission that is used by an emergency service responder as
19 dispatched by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic
20 operations center, or any other vehicle designated by the State
21 Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of emergency
22 vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned
23 vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by any of
24 the following:

- 25 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 26 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
27 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
28 assistant chief.
- 29 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 30 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant

1 commander.

2 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

3 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

4 (7) A fire marshal.

5 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

6 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
7 hazardous materials response team.

8 (10) A police officer who is also a member of a county
9 or regional municipal Special Emergency Response Team which
10 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
11 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

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