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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for
4 suspension of operating privilege; and, in miscellaneous
5 provisions, further providing for careless driving.

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

8 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

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

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17 "Vulnerable highway user." A pedestrian or a person on
18 roller skates, inline skates, a skateboard, motor-driven cycle,
19 motorcycle, pedalcycle, motorized pedalcycle, pedalcycle with

1 electric assist, an animal, an animal drawn vehicle, a farm
2 vehicle or a wheelchair.

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4 Section 2. Sections 1532(a) and (b)(1) and (5) and 3714 are
5 amended to read:

6 § 1532. Suspension of operating privilege.

7 (a) One-year suspension.--The department shall suspend the
8 operating privilege of any driver for one year upon receiving a
9 certified record of the driver's conviction of or an
10 adjudication of delinquency based on any of the following
11 offenses:

12 (1) Any felony in the commission of which a court
13 determines that a vehicle was essentially involved.

14 (3) Any violation of the following provisions:

15 Section 3714(b.1) (relating to careless driving).

16 Section 3735.1 (relating to aggravated assault by
17 vehicle while driving under the influence).

18 Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death
19 or personal injury).

20 Section 3742.1 (relating to accidents involving death
21 or personal injury while not properly licensed).

22 Section 7111 (relating to dealing in titles and
23 plates for stolen vehicles).

24 Section 7121 (relating to false application for
25 certificate of title or registration).

26 Section 7122 (relating to altered, forged or
27 counterfeit documents and plates).

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29 (b) Suspension.--

30 (1) The department shall suspend the operating privilege

1 of any driver for six months upon receiving a certified
2 record of the driver's conviction of or an adjudication of
3 delinquency based on any offense under the following
4 provisions:

5 Section 3367 (relating to racing on highways).

6 Section 3714(b) [(relating to careless driving)] or
7 (c.1).

8 Section 3734 (relating to driving without lights to
9 avoid identification or arrest).

10 Section 3736 (relating to reckless driving).

11 Section 3743 (relating to accidents involving damage
12 to attended vehicle or property).

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14 (5) The department shall suspend the operating privilege
15 of any driver for three months upon receiving a certified
16 record of the driver's conviction of or an adjudication of
17 delinquency based on section 3714(c) or (c.2).

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19 § 3714. Careless driving.

20 (a) General rule.--Any person who drives a vehicle in
21 careless disregard for the safety of persons or property is
22 guilty of careless driving, a summary offense.

23 (b) Unintentional death.--[If] Except as provided in
24 subsection (b.1), if the person who violates this section
25 unintentionally causes the death of another person as a result
26 of the violation, the person shall, upon conviction, be
27 sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.

28 (b.1) Death involving a vulnerable highway user.--If the
29 person who violates this section causes the death of a
30 vulnerable highway user as a result of the violation, the person

1 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more
2 than \$10,000.

3 (c) Serious bodily injury.--[If] Except as provided in
4 subsection (c.1), if the person who violates this section
5 unintentionally causes the serious bodily injury of another
6 person as a result of the violation, the person shall, upon
7 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.

8 (c.1) Serious bodily injury to a vulnerable highway user.--
9 If the person who violates this section causes the serious
10 bodily injury of a vulnerable highway user as a result of the
11 violation, the person shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
12 pay a fine of not more than \$5,000.

13 (c.2) Bodily injury to a vulnerable highway user.--If a
14 person who violates this section causes the bodily injury of a
15 vulnerable highway user as a result of the violation, the person
16 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more
17 than \$1,000.

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