

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 55 Session of
2019INTRODUCED BY A. WILLIAMS, SANTARSIERO AND HUGHES,
JANUARY 11, 2019

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, JANUARY 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 2004 (P.L.1270, No.153),
2 entitled "An act providing for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
3 System; authorizing and directing the Pennsylvania State
4 Police to establish and maintain the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
5 System; assessing costs; and providing for immunity and
6 penalties," further providing for Pennsylvania Amber Alert
7 System and Missing Endangered Person Advisory System (MEPAS)
8 established; and providing for use of Jay Alert System.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 1 heading of the act of November 24, 2004
12 (P.L.1270, No.153), referred to as the Pennsylvania Amber Alert
13 System Law, is amended and the section is amended by adding a
14 subsection to read:

15 Section 1. Pennsylvania Amber Alert System [and], Missing
16 Endangered Person Advisory System (MEPAS) and Jay
17 Alert System established.

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19 (c) Pennsylvania Jay Alert System.--The Pennsylvania State
20 Police shall establish and maintain the Jay Alert System to
21 assist in the identification and apprehension of suspects who

1 leave the scene of an accident which results in serious bodily
2 injury or death, as provided in 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 3742 (relating to
3 accidents involving death or personal injury) and 3744 (relating
4 to duty to give information and render aid).

5 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

6 Section 2.2. Use of Jay Alert System.

7 The Pennsylvania Jay Alert System shall be operated by the
8 Pennsylvania State Police. Activation may be requested by law
9 enforcement agencies when public assistance is considered
10 expedient to the identification and apprehension of a motor
11 vehicle operator who has fled the scene of a motor vehicle
12 accident that resulted in serious bodily injury or death. The
13 ability of law enforcement agencies to independently notify or
14 request assistance from the public shall not be impaired or
15 restricted in any way.

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