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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, MAY 3, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, ~~ADDING A DEFINITION~~ DEFINITIONS; ~~FURTHER PROVIDING~~ <—  
3 ~~FOR EXPENDITURES FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION~~  
4 ~~PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING A CREDIT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INSPECTION~~  
5 ~~FEES;~~ FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN BONDING REQUIREMENTS;  
6 RESTRICTING THE OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS; further  
7 providing for the length AND WIDTH of certain vehicles; <—  
8 REGULATING CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN AUTO INSPECTION  
9 MECHANICS; ~~AND~~ AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN WEIGHT <—  
10 LIMITATIONS. ~~PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND MAKING A REPEAL.~~ <—

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 ~~Section 1. Section 4923(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
14 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:~~  
15 ~~§ 4923. Length of vehicles.~~

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17 ~~(b) Exceptions. The limitations of (a) do not apply to the~~  
18 ~~following:~~

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20 ~~(5) A combination designed and used exclusively for~~

~~carrying motor vehicles if the overall length of the  
combination and load does not exceed 65 feet.~~

SECTION 1. SECTION 102 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION  
DEFINITIONS TO READ:

§ 102. DEFINITIONS.

SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT  
PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC  
PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN  
USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY  
INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:

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"CONVERTER GEAR." A TRAILER DESIGNED AND USED EXCLUSIVELY TO  
TOW A SEMITRAILER BY MOUNTING THE SEMITRAILER ON THE FIFTH WHEEL  
OF THE CONVERTER GEAR. THE TERM INCLUDES THE TERMS "AUXILIARY  
AXLE" AND "JEEP DOLLY."

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"TERMINAL." A FACILITY, TO OR FROM WHICH A COMBINATION IS  
ACTUALLY EN ROUTE FOR LOADING, UNLOADING, BREAKING DOWN OR  
STORING, WHICH HAS ADEQUATE OFF-HIGHWAY PARKING, MANEUVERING AND  
VEHICLE STORAGE AREA TO WHICH VEHICLES CAN OBTAIN ACCESS AND  
REGRESS EGRESS WITHOUT BACKING FROM OR ONTO A HIGHWAY, STREET OR  
PUBLIC ALLEY.

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"TOW DOLLY." A TRAILER DESIGNED AND USED EXCLUSIVELY TO TOW  
ANOTHER VEHICLE BY MOUNTING ITS FRONT OR REAR WHEELS ON THE TOW  
DOLLY WHILE THE OTHER WHEELS OF THE TOWED VEHICLE REMAIN IN  
CONTACT WITH THE GROUND.

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~~SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:~~

~~§ 4706. PROHIBITION ON EXPENDITURES FOR EMISSION INSPECTION  
PROGRAM.~~

~~(A) PROHIBITION. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B),  
NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL EXPEND ANY PUBLIC  
FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF ANY SYSTEM FOR  
THE PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES.~~

~~(B) EXCEPTION. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT  
APPLY WHEN THE SECRETARY SHALL CERTIFY THAT SUCH SYSTEM IS  
REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW AND IS NECESSARY FOR THE  
COMMONWEALTH TO RECEIVE OR AVOID THE LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN  
WHICH CASE THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER SUCH A  
SYSTEM FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN AREAS WHERE PERIODIC  
INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS  
REQUIRED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED  
STATES OR DECREES OF THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.~~

~~(C) CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER. WHENEVER A SYSTEM FOR THE  
PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS IS  
ESTABLISHED AS AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (B), THE DEPARTMENT  
SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER VALID UNTIL THE NEXT  
SCHEDULED EMISSION INSPECTION THROUGH AN OFFICIAL EMISSION  
INSPECTION STATION FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH MEETS ALL OF THE  
FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:~~

~~(1) ALL REQUIRED EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES ARE INSTALLED.~~

~~(2) ALL REQUIRED EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES MUST BE  
FUNCTIONING PROPERLY OR ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO SUCH  
DEVICES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER AND UP TO AT LEAST THE  
FOLLOWING TOTAL COST LIMITATIONS:~~

~~(I) CHECK AND REPAIR, IF NECESSARY, THE FOLLOWING~~

~~ITEMS UNTIL THE WAIVER TOTAL COST LIMITATION IS REACHED:~~

~~(A) IDLE SPEED, MIX, TIMING AND DWELL;~~

~~(B) OXYGEN SENSOR 1980 MODEL YEAR AND NEWER;~~

~~(C) AIR, FUEL AND PCV FILTER;~~

~~(D) AUTOMATIC CHOKE;~~

~~(E) POINTS AND CONDENSER;~~

~~(F) SPARK PLUGS;~~

~~(G) ROTOR;~~

~~(H) VACUUM HOSES;~~

~~(I) PCV VALVE;~~

~~(J) AIR PUMP BELT;~~

~~(K) IGNITION WIRES; AND~~

~~(L) DISTRIBUTOR CAP.~~

~~(II) FIFTY DOLLARS FOR 1974 AND NEWER MODEL YEAR  
VEHICLES.~~

~~(III) TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR PRE 1974 MODEL YEAR  
VEHICLES.~~

~~(IV) ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE REPAIR OF EMISSION  
CONTROL DEVICES FOUND TO BE TAMPERED WITH OR RENDERED  
INOPERATIVE THROUGH INTERVENTION BY THE VEHICLE OWNER OR  
SOMEONE ACTING ON HIS BEHALF SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE  
TOTAL COST LIMITATIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

~~THE COSTS MANDATED BY THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COSTS  
RECOVERABLE UNDER AN EMISSION WARRANTY.~~

~~(D) CHARGE FOR INSPECTION. WHENEVER A SYSTEM FOR THE  
PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS IS  
ESTABLISHED AS AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (B), THE MAXIMUM CHARGE  
FOR SUCH INSPECTION SHALL BE \$5. NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE SHALL BE  
MADE BY THE INSPECTING STATION FOR ONE NECESSARY REINSPECTION  
WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL INSPECTION.~~

~~(E) COORDINATION WITH SAFETY INSPECTIONS. WHENEVER A SYSTEM FOR THE PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS IS ESTABLISHED AS AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (B), SUCH INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY SECTION 4702 (RELATING TO REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES) AND SHALL BE OBTAINED DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH A VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE SAFETY INSPECTION.~~

~~(F) CREDIT.~~

~~(1) SECTION 27 OF ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDES THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR AND THAT PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC NATURAL RESOURCES ARE THE COMMON PROPERTY OF ALL THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING GENERATIONS YET TO COME, AND FURTHER PROVIDES THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL ACT AS TRUSTEE OF THESE RESOURCES TO CONSERVE AND MAINTAIN THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE. SECTION 2 OF THE ACT OF JANUARY 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, NO.787), KNOWN AS THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, PROVIDES THAT IT IS DECLARED TO BE THE POLICY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO PROTECT THE AIR RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE DEGREE NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE CITIZENS; THE PREVENTION OF INJURY TO PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE AND PROPERTY; THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE AND COMMONWEALTH RECREATIONAL RESOURCES; AND THE DEVELOPMENT, ATTRACTION AND EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE. PROTECTION OF AIR RESOURCES IS A MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE MANDATED GOVERNMENTAL DUTIES, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT THE COST OF AN INSPECTION UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5 SHALL BE ALLOWED AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE~~

1 ~~VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 19 (RELATING TO FEES) AND THE~~  
2 ~~PROCESSING FEE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1901(C)(16) AND (17)~~  
3 ~~(RELATING TO PROCESSING FEE IN LIEU OF REGISTRATION FEE).~~

4 ~~(2) EVERY PERSON WHO OWNS A VEHICLE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN~~  
5 ~~EMISSION INSPECTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL INITIALLY~~  
6 ~~BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THE ENTIRE ALLOWABLE COSTS OF SUCH~~  
7 ~~INSPECTION. SUCH PERSON MAY THEN SUBTRACT THE COST OF SUCH~~  
8 ~~INSPECTION UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$5 FROM THE ANNUAL FEE FOR~~  
9 ~~REGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 19 OR THE~~  
10 ~~PROCESSING FEE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1901(C)(16) AND (17).~~

11 ~~(3) EACH OFFICIAL EMISSION INSPECTION STATION SHALL~~  
12 ~~ISSUE, PER VEHICLE, TO EACH VEHICLE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE~~  
13 ~~EMISSION INSPECTION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, A~~  
14 ~~CERTIFICATE STATING THE ACTUAL AMOUNT PAID FOR THE EMISSION~~  
15 ~~INSPECTION. THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE~~  
16 ~~VEHICLE OWNER WITH THE REGISTRATION RENEWAL APPLICATION TO~~  
17 ~~CLAIM THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY PARAGRAPH (2). THE DEPARTMENT~~  
18 ~~SHALL SUSPEND THE INSPECTION AUTHORITY OF ANY INSPECTION~~  
19 ~~STATION WHICH FRAUDULENTLY ISSUES A CERTIFICATE AS REQUIRED~~  
20 ~~BY THIS SUBSECTION.~~

21 ~~(4) ANY PERSON WHO FRAUDULENTLY ISSUES A CERTIFICATE OR~~  
22 ~~KNOWINGLY OBTAINS OR SEEKS TO OBTAIN A FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATE~~  
23 ~~COMMITTS A MISDEMEANOR OF THE SECOND DEGREE AND SHALL IN~~  
24 ~~ADDITION TO ANY FINES OR IMPRISONMENT BE ORDERED TO MAKE~~  
25 ~~RESTITUTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH.~~

26 ~~(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS AS~~  
27 ~~MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.~~

28 SECTION 2 3 2. SECTION 4702.1 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO

29 READ:

30 § 4702.1. LIMITED LIABILITY OF INSPECTION STATION OR MECHANIC.

1        (A) GENERAL RULE.--AN INSPECTION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO  
2        SECTION 4702(A) (RELATING TO ANNUAL INSPECTION) SHALL NOT BE  
3        CONSTRUED AS A GUARANTY OF THE SAFETY OF ANY VEHICLE AND NEITHER  
4        THE OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATION ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE OF  
5        INSPECTION NOR THE OFFICIAL INSPECTION MECHANIC PERFORMING THE  
6        INSPECTION SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANTS OF ANY  
7        INSPECTED VEHICLE FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OR  
8        MALFUNCTION OF THAT VEHICLE OR TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANTS OF ANY  
9        VEHICLE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WITH THAT INSPECTED VEHICLE OR  
10       TO ANY PEDESTRIAN INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT UNLESS IT CAN BE SHOWN  
11       BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE FAILURE WAS CAUSED  
12       BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INSPECTION STATION OR MECHANIC.

13       (B) PRIOR CERTIFICATION.--INSPECTION MECHANICS CERTIFIED AS  
14       TO TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCE, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,  
15       1983, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH DEPARTMENTAL  
16       REGULATIONS AND SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT MOTOR VEHICLE  
17       INSPECTIONS WITHOUT REAPPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION.

18       SECTION ~~2-3~~ 4 3. SECTION 4904 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY       <—  
19       ADDING ~~A~~ SUBSECTION SUBSECTIONS TO READ:       <—  
20       § 4904. LIMITS ON NUMBER OF TOWED VEHICLES.

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22       (E) TWO-TRAILER COMBINATIONS ON INTERSTATE AND DESIGNATED  
23       PRIMARY HIGHWAYS.--COMBINATIONS CONSISTING OF A TRUCK TRACTOR  
24       AND TWO TRAILERS MAY ONLY BE DRIVEN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4908       <—  
25       (RELATING TO OPERATION OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS ON INTERSTATE AND  
26       CERTAIN PRIMARY HIGHWAYS).

27       (F) TOW DOLLIES AND CONVERTER GEARS.--A TOW DOLLY OR       <—  
28       CONVERTER GEAR MAY BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE  
29       OF TOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE, PROVIDED THE COMBINATION MEETS ALL  
30       REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4905 (RELATING TO SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1 FOR TOWED VEHICLES) AND SEPARATE LIGHTING EQUIPMENT IS DISPLAYED  
2 ON THE REAR OF A TOWED MOTOR VEHICLE. A CONVERTER GEAR MAY ALSO  
3 BE TOWED EMPTY BEHIND A COMBINATION CONSISTING OF A TRUCK  
4 TRACTOR AND SEMITRAILER.

5 SECTION ~~3-4~~ 5 4. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO <—  
6 READ:

7 § 4908. OPERATION OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS ON INTERSTATE AND  
8 CERTAIN PRIMARY HIGHWAYS.

9 (A) GENERAL RULE.--COMBINATIONS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION  
10 4904(E) (RELATING TO LIMITS ON NUMBER OF TOWED VEHICLES) TO HAVE  
11 TWO TRAILERS, OR BY SECTION 4923(B)(6) (RELATING TO LENGTH OF  
12 VEHICLES) TO EXCEED THE LENGTH LIMITATION FOR COMBINATIONS, MAY  
13 BE DRIVEN ONLY ON THE TYPES OF HIGHWAYS AND UNDER THE  
14 LIMITATIONS SET FORTH BELOW:

15 (1) ON A DESIGNATED NETWORK CONSISTING OF ALL INTERSTATE  
16 HIGHWAYS AND PORTIONS OF FEDERAL AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS HAVING  
17 AT LEAST A 48-FOOT-WIDE ROADWAY OR TWO 24-FOOT-WIDE ROADWAYS  
18 AND DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS CAPABLE OF SAFELY  
19 ACCOMMODATING SUCH VEHICLES.

20 (2) BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED NETWORK AND EITHER OF THE  
21 FOLLOWING:

22 (I) A TERMINAL OR A FACILITY FOR FOOD, FUEL, REPAIR  
23 OR REST HAVING AN ENTRANCE WITHIN TWO-TENTHS OF A MILE OF  
24 THE NEAREST RAMP OR INTERSECTION, BUT ONLY ON HIGHWAYS  
25 HAVING LANES AT LEAST 12 FEET WIDE, AND ONLY IF THE  
26 FACILITY MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR OFF-STREET PARKING,  
27 MANEUVERING AND VEHICLE STORAGE AREA FOR TERMINALS.

28 (II) A TERMINAL WHICH CAN SAFELY AND REASONABLY BE  
29 ACCESSED USING HIGHWAYS APPROVED UNDER SUBSECTION (D).

30 (B) HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS.--IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATIONS



AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (A), A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER,  
CONSISTING OF A TRUCK TRACTOR AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) A SINGLE TRAILER, WHICH EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM LENGTH  
FOR COMBINATIONS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 4923(A), MAY BE  
DRIVEN BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED NETWORK AND A POINT OF LOADING  
OR UNLOADING WHICH CAN SAFELY AND REASONABLY BE ACCESSED.

(2) TWO TRAILERS, MAY BE DRIVEN BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED  
NETWORK AND A POINT OF LOADING OR UNLOADING WHICH CAN SAFELY  
AND REASONABLY BE ACCESSED USING HIGHWAYS APPROVED UNDER  
SUBSECTION (D) FOR THE PARTICULAR MOVEMENT.

(C) NEARBY TERMINALS AND FACILITIES.--WHERE ONE OR MORE  
TERMINALS OR FACILITIES FOR FOOD, FUEL, REPAIR OR REST ALONG A  
HIGHWAY HAVING LANES AT LEAST 12 FEET WIDE ARE IN CLOSE  
PROXIMITY TO A TERMINAL OR FACILITY WHICH IS WITHIN TWO-TENTHS  
OF A MILE OF THE DESIGNATED NETWORK, ALL OF SUCH TERMINALS AND  
FACILITIES SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE WITHIN TWO-TENTHS OF A MILE OF  
THE DESIGNATED NETWORK.

(D) ROUTE APPROVAL.--APPROVAL OF A ROUTE UNDER SUBSECTION  
(A)(2)(II) OR (B)(2) SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE:

(1) CITY IN THE CASE OF ANY HIGHWAY IN A CITY.

(2) DEPARTMENT IN THE CASE OF A STATE HIGHWAY NOT IN A  
CITY, EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL, UPON REQUEST, DELEGATE  
AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ROUTES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO A  
MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS BEEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ISSUE  
PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 420 OF THE ACT OF JUNE 1,  
1945 (P.L.1242, NO.428), KNOWN AS THE STATE HIGHWAY LAW.

(3) MUNICIPALITY IN THE CASE OF A LOCAL HIGHWAY NOT IN A  
CITY.

(E) NOTICE.--

(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH THE DESIGNATED NETWORK

1 ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN  
2 AS A NOTICE UNDER 45 PA.C.S. § 725(A)(3) (RELATING TO  
3 ADDITIONAL CONTENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN), AND WILL ALSO  
4 FORWARD THE DESIGNATED NETWORK TO TRUCKING COMPANIES AND  
5 ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, UPON REQUEST.

6 (2) APPROVAL OF A ROUTE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II)  
7 SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON NOTICE BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY TO  
8 THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED IT. NOTICE OF THE APPROVAL SHALL  
9 ALSO BE GIVEN TO STATE AND AFFECTED LOCAL POLICE, AND SHALL  
10 BE PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN AS A NOTICE UNDER  
11 45 PA.C.S. § 725(A)(3).

12 (3) APPROVAL OF A ROUTE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) SHALL BE  
13 EFFECTIVE UPON NOTICE BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY TO THE  
14 PERSON WHO REQUESTED IT. NOTICE OF THE APPROVAL SHALL ALSO BE  
15 GIVEN TO STATE AND AFFECTED LOCAL POLICE.

16 (F) REVOCATION OF ROUTE APPROVAL.--THE AUTHORITY WHICH  
17 APPROVED A ROUTE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(II) MAY REVOKE THE  
18 ROUTE APPROVAL IF IT DETERMINES THAT THE ROUTE OR SOME PORTION  
19 OF IT CANNOT SAFELY AND REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE COMBINATIONS  
20 AUTHORIZED TO EXCEED LENGTH OR NUMBER OF TRAILER LIMITATIONS.  
21 NOTICE OF THE REVOCATION SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA  
22 BULLETIN AS A NOTICE UNDER 45 PA.C.S. § 725(A)(3) AND SHALL BE  
23 EFFECTIVE 15 DAYS AFTER SUCH PUBLICATION, EXCEPT THAT THE  
24 POSTING AUTHORITY MAY EFFECT AN EARLIER REVOCATION BY POSTING  
25 SIGNS TO INDICATE THE REVOCATION. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE  
26 REVOCATION SHALL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED THE  
27 ROUTE APPROVAL AND TO STATE AND AFFECTED LOCAL POLICE.

28 SECTION 4-5 & 5. SECTIONS SECTION 4921(A), (C) AND (D), 4923 <—  
29 AND 4943(A) OF TITLE 75 ARE AMENDED IS AMENDED AND A SUBSECTION <—  
30 IS ADDED TO READ:

1 § 4921. WIDTH OF VEHICLES.

2 ~~(A) GENERAL RULE. THE TOTAL OUTSIDE WIDTH OF A VEHICLE,~~ <—  
3 ~~INCLUDING ANY LOAD, SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT AND ONE HALF FEET~~  
4 ~~EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.~~

5 ~~(A.1) LIMITATION ON HIGHWAY USE. VEHICLES WITH AN OUTSIDE~~ <—  
6 ~~WIDTH OF EIGHT AND ONE HALF FEET SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE~~  
7 ~~HIGHWAYS ON WHICH TWO TRAILER COMBINATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE~~  
8 ~~DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS AMENDATORY ACT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE~~  
9 ~~PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ON ALL OTHER HIGHWAYS THE TOTAL~~  
10 ~~OUTSIDE WIDTH OF A VEHICLE INCLUDING ANY LOAD SHALL NOT EXCEED~~  
11 ~~EIGHT FEET.~~

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13 ~~[(C) BUSES. ANY BUS OPERATED WHOLLY WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY,~~ <—  
14 ~~WHERE PERMITTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY, OR IN MORE THAN ONE~~  
15 ~~MUNICIPALITY, WHERE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION,~~  
16 ~~MAY HAVE A TOTAL OUTSIDE WIDTH NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT FEET SIX~~  
17 ~~INCHES WHEN OPERATED UPON A HIGHWAY HAVING TRAFFIC LANE WIDTHS~~  
18 ~~OF NOT LESS THAN TEN FEET.~~

19 (D) NONDIVISIBLE LOADS.--VEHICLES CARRYING NONDIVISIBLE  
20 LOADS NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT FEET SIX INCHES IN WIDTH MAY OPERATE  
21 ON ANY HIGHWAY HAVING A ROADWAY WIDTH OF 20 FEET OR MORE. [THIS <—  
22 SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY ON THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE  
23 AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS.]

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25 (G) CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.--THE TOTAL OUTSIDE WIDTH OF A VEHICLE, <—  
26 INCLUDING ANY LOADS, MAY EXCEED EIGHT FEET BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED  
27 EIGHT AND ONE-HALF FEET WHEN DRIVEN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4908  
28 (RELATING TO OPERATION OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS ON INTERSTATE AND  
29 CERTAIN PRIMARY HIGHWAYS).

30 SECTION ~~6~~ 7 6. SECTIONS 4923 AND 4943(A) OF TITLE 75 ARE <—

1 AMENDED TO READ:

2 § 4923. LENGTH OF VEHICLES.

3 (A) GENERAL RULE.--[NO] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION  
4 (B), NO MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING ANY LOAD AND BUMPERS, SHALL  
5 EXCEED AN OVERALL LENGTH OF 40 FEET, AND NO COMBINATION,  
6 INCLUDING ANY LOAD AND BUMPERS, SHALL EXCEED AN OVERALL LENGTH  
7 OF 60 FEET.

8 (B) EXCEPTIONS.--THE LIMITATIONS OF (A) DO NOT APPLY TO THE  
9 FOLLOWING:

10 (1) ANY MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH A BOOM OR BOOM-LIKE  
11 DEVICE IF THE VEHICLE DOES NOT EXCEED 55 FEET.

12 (2) ANY COMBINATION TRANSPORTING ARTICLES WHICH DO NOT  
13 EXCEED 70 FEET IN LENGTH AND ARE NONDIVISIBLE AS TO LENGTH.

14 (3) ANY BUS OF AN ARTICULATED DESIGN WHICH DOES NOT  
15 EXCEED 60 FEET.

16 (4) ANY MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING A DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE TO  
17 A LOCATION FOR REPAIR OR TO SOME OTHER PLACE OF SAFETY.

18 (5) A COMBINATION DESIGNED AND USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
19 CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES IF THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE  
20 COMBINATION AND LOAD DOES NOT EXCEED 65 FEET.

21 (6) ANY COMBINATION CONSISTING OF A TRUCK TRACTOR AND  
22 ONE OR TWO TRAILERS, WHEN DRIVEN AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4908  
23 (RELATING TO OPERATION OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS ON INTERSTATE  
24 AND CERTAIN PRIMARY HIGHWAYS), PROVIDED THAT, EXCEPT WHEN <—  
25 BEING OPERATED AS A PART OF A COMBINATION OF A TRACTOR AND  
26 SINGLE TRAILER NOT EXCEEDING AN OVERALL LENGTH OF 60 FEET,  
27 THE LENGTH OF A SINGLE TRAILER SHALL NOT EXCEED 48 FEET AND  
28 THE LENGTH OF EACH DOUBLE TRAILER SHALL NOT EXCEED 28 FEET.

29 § 4943. MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES.

30 (A) GENERAL RULE.--NO VEHICLE OR COMBINATION DRIVEN UPON A

1 HIGHWAY SHALL HAVE A WEIGHT UPON ANY AXLE IN EXCESS OF THE  
2 LESSER OF THE MANUFACTURER'S RATED AXLE CAPACITY OR THE  
3 FOLLOWING APPLICABLE WEIGHT:

4 (1) STEERING AXLES.--THE MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT UPON A  
5 STEERING AXLE SHALL NOT EXCEED [18,000] 20,000 POUNDS.

6 (2) OTHER AXLES.--

7 MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT IN POUNDS UPON:

8 IF THE CENTER-TO-CENTER

9	DISTANCE BETWEEN THE	ONE OF TWO	OTHER OF TWO
10	NEAREST ADJACENT AXLES IS:	ADJACENT AXLES	ADJACENT AXLES
11	UNDER 6 FEET	18,000	18,000
12	6 TO 8 FEET	18,000	22,400
13	OVER 8 FEET	22,400	22,400

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15 SECTION ~~7 & 7~~. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 1, ~~3, 4, 5, 6 AND~~ <—  
16 ~~7 3, 4, 5 AND 6~~ INSOFAR AS THEY RELATE TO SECTION 4923 OF THIS <—  
17 AMENDATORY ACT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS FEDERAL LAW OR  
18 THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE THIS  
19 COMMONWEALTH TO ALLOW COMBINATIONS CONSISTING OF A TRUCK TRACTOR  
20 AND TWO TRAILERS AND COMBINATIONS IN EXCESS OF 60 FEET IN LENGTH  
21 TO BE DRIVEN ON ITS HIGHWAYS. NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL  
22 MANDATE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN BY THE  
23 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL  
24 BE VOID 30 DAYS THEREAFTER.

25 ~~SECTION 9. WHENEVER ANY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE PERIODIC~~ <—  
26 ~~INSPECTION OF EMISSIONS OR EMISSION SYSTEMS OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS~~  
27 ~~REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 4706 OF TITLE 75 COMES INTO COMPLIANCE~~  
28 ~~WITH THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR~~  
29 ~~ACT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION PROGRAM~~  
30 ~~SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED IN THAT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, NOR SHALL ANY~~

~~VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION  
4706 BE ESTABLISHED OR ADMINISTERED IN ANY COUNTY OF THE FIFTH,  
SIXTH, SEVENTH OR EIGHTH CLASS OR ANY OTHER AREA FOR WHICH SUCH  
PROGRAM IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OR  
REVISIONS THERETO APPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT.~~

SECTION ~~10~~ 8. NO BOND SHALL BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE ACT  
OF DECEMBER 20, 1967 (P.L.869, NO.385), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC  
WORKS CONTRACTORS' BOND LAW OF 1967, OR ANY OTHER LAW FOR  
CONTRACTS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$25,000 OR LESS BETWEEN A PRIME  
CONTRACTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE  
OF HIGHWAYS.

~~SECTION 11. IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS AMENDATORY ACT OR THE  
APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES IS HELD  
INVALID BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OR DISAPPROVED BY A  
COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, SUCH INVALIDITY OR DISAPPROVAL SHALL  
NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS OF THE ACT WHICH CAN  
BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID OR DISAPPROVED PROVISION OR  
APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE  
DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.~~

~~SECTION 12. SECTION 2013 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929  
(P.L.177, NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929, IS  
REPEALED.~~

Section ~~2 5 & 13~~ 9. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~  
~~IMMEDIATELY. IMMEDIATELY. EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION~~  
~~4706(C) SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE CERTIFICATION OF THE~~  
~~SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION~~  
~~(C) HAVE BEEN APPROVED OR HAVE NOT BEEN DISAPPROVED BY THE~~  
~~ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE~~

1 ~~COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND EXCEPT THAT THE PROVISIONS OF~~  
2 ~~SECTION 4705(D) 4706(D) OF TITLE 75 SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE~~ <—  
3 ~~CERTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THAT THE~~  
4 ~~PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) HAVE BEEN APPROVED OR HAVE NOT BEEN~~  
5 ~~DISAPPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED~~  
6 ~~STATES OR THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.~~