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GLADECK, HERMAN AND HERSHEY, DECEMBER 14, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 14, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, adding an offense; and providing a penalty.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 3736. Operating motor vehicle with radio capable of receiving  
8 police communications.

9 (a) General rule.--A person, except a police officer or  
10 peace officer acting pursuant to his special duties, shall not  
11 equip a motor vehicle with a radio receiving set capable of  
12 receiving signals on the frequencies allocated for police use,  
13 shall not knowingly use a motor vehicle so equipped or shall not  
14 in any way knowingly interfere with the transmission of radio  
15 messages by the police without having first secured a permit to  
16 do so from the person authorized to issue the permit by the  
17 local governing body of a city, borough, incorporated town,

1 township or home rule municipality in which the person resides  
2 or, where the person resides in a county having a county police  
3 department, by the county commissioners of the county.

4 (b) Exception.--This section is not applicable to any person  
5 who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license issued by the  
6 Federal Communications Commission and who operates a licensed  
7 portable mobile transmitter and, in connection with a  
8 transmitter, a receiver or receiving set on frequencies  
9 exclusively allocated by the Federal Communications Commission  
10 to licensed radio amateurs.

11 (c) Penalty.--A person violating this section commits a  
12 misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by imprisonment of  
13 not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or  
14 both.

15 Section 2. This act shall apply to offenses committed on and  
16 after its effective date.

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