

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2172 Session of
1984

INTRODUCED BY DURHAM, MAYERNIK, BATTISTO, BOWSER, CIMINI,
MRKONIC, POTT, PETRONE, ANGSTADT, DeLUCA, ARTY AND PRATT,
MAY 15, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 15, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, increasing the penalty for fleeing or attempting to
3 elude a police officer.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3733 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3733. Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer.

9 (a) Offense defined.--Any driver of a motor vehicle who
10 willfully fails or refuses to bring his vehicle to a stop, or
11 who otherwise flees or attempts to elude a pursuing police
12 vehicle, when given visual or audible signal to bring the
13 vehicle to a stop, is guilty of a [summary offense and shall,
14 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$200] misdemeanor
15 of the second degree.

16 (b) Signal by police officer.--The signal given by the
17 police officer may be by hand, voice, emergency lights or siren.

18 (c) Defenses.--It is a defense to a prosecution under this

1 section that the pursuing police vehicle was not clearly
2 identifiable by its markings or, if unmarked, was not occupied
3 by a police officer who was in uniform and displaying a badge or
4 other sign of authority.

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