

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 254

Session of
1985

INTRODUCED BY WAMBACH, CIMINI, HASAY AND BLAUM, FEBRUARY 6, 1985

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MARCH 25, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, changing the definition of "emergency ~~vehiele.~~" <—
3 VEHICLE"; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SCHOOL VEHICLES. <—

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
7 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
8 amended to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

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

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16 "Emergency vehicle." A fire department vehicle, police
17 vehicle, ambulance, blood-delivery vehicle, armed forces
18 emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or chief

1 county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a chief
2 deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner used for
3 answering emergency calls, one private vehicle of a fire or
4 police chief or assistant chief or, when a fire company has
5 three or more fire vehicles, a second assistant chief, or fire
6 police captain and fire police lieutenant or ambulance corps
7 commander or assistant commander or of a river rescue commander
8 or assistant commander or emergency management coordinator or
9 fire marshal used for answering emergency calls or other vehicle
10 designated by the State Police under section 6106 (relating to
11 designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police).

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13 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~ <—

14 SECTION 2. SECTION 4553(B) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ: <—

15 § 4553. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER VEHICLES TRANSPORTING
16 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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18 (B) OTHER VEHICLES.--A MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT
19 CHILDREN TO OR FROM SCHOOL OR IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL
20 ACTIVITIES, WHICH IS NOT A SCHOOL BUS BECAUSE OF ITS LIMITED
21 SEATING CAPACITY, SHALL COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY
22 THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH VEHICLES. [UNLESS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL
23 LAW OR REGULATION, THE] SUCH VEHICLES MAY, AT THE OPTION OF THE
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT OWNING THE VEHICLES OR CONTRACTING PRIVATELY FOR
25 THEIR USE, BE EQUIPPED WITH A UNIFORM FRONT AND REAR SYSTEM OF
26 FLASHING RED AND AMBER VISUAL SIGNALS, THE COST OF WHICH SHALL
27 BE BORNE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS EQUIPMENT SHALL CONFORM TO
28 THOSE REGULATIONS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER
29 THIS SUBSECTION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW,
30 SUCH VEHICLES WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE

1 EQUIPPED WITH FLASHING RED AND AMBER VISUAL SIGNALS IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED SCHOOL BUSES
3 FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 3345. THE OPTION GIVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
4 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO SUCH VEHICLES WHICH
5 PICK UP AND DISCHARGE SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY AT LOCATIONS OFF THE
6 HIGHWAY. THE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT
7 REQUIRE VEHICLES WHICH PICK UP AND DISCHARGE SCHOOL CHILDREN
8 ONLY AT LOCATIONS OFF THE HIGHWAY TO BE OF ANY PARTICULAR COLOR
9 OR TO DISPLAY FLASHING RED AND AMBER LIGHTS, UNLESS REQUIRED BY
10 FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION.

11 SECTION 3. SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO THE 1985-
12 1986 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER.

13 SECTION 4. (A) SECTION 1 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

14 (B) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.