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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 20, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, requiring the financial responsibility
3 identification card to be in the possession of the operator;
4 and further providing for proof of financial responsibility.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1781 and 1784 of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 1781. Notice of sanction for not evidencing financial
10 responsibility.

11 An applicant for registration of a vehicle shall acknowledge
12 on a form developed by the Department of Transportation that the
13 applicant knows he may lose his operating privilege or vehicle
14 registrations if he fails to evidence financial responsibility
15 for the purposes described in section 1772 (relating to
16 suspension for nonpayment of judgments), 1783 (relating to proof
17 of financial responsibility before restoring operating privilege
18 or registration), 1784 (relating to proof of financial

1 responsibility following violation) [or], 1785 (relating to
2 proof of financial responsibility following accident) or 1788
3 (relating to proof of financial responsibility to be exhibited
4 on demand).

5 § 1784. Proof of financial responsibility following violation.

6 A defendant who is convicted of a traffic offense, other than
7 a parking offense, [that requires a court appearance] and who
8 appears in court shall be required to show proof of financial
9 responsibility covering the operation of the vehicle at the time
10 of the offense. If the defendant fails to show proof of
11 financial responsibility, the court shall notify the department
12 of that fact. Upon receipt of the notice, the department shall
13 revoke the registration of the vehicle. If the defendant is the
14 owner of the vehicle, the department shall also suspend the
15 operating privilege of the defendant. This section does not
16 apply to a defendant who, at the time the offense was committed,
17 exhibited or produced proof of financial responsibility in
18 accordance with section 1788 (relating to proof of financial
19 responsibility to be exhibited on demand).

20 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

21 § 1788. Proof of financial responsibility to be exhibited on
22 demand.

23 Proof of financial responsibility as prescribed by
24 regulations of the department shall be in the possession of the
25 person driving or in control of the vehicle or shall be carried
26 in the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is being driven
27 upon a highway, and shall be exhibited upon demand of any police
28 officer. If a person fails to exhibit proof of financial
29 responsibility, he shall have ten days to produce, at the office
30 of the police officer, proof of financial responsibility valid

1 in this Commonwealth at the time the demand was made. If the
2 person fails to produce proof of financial responsibility, the
3 office of the police officer shall notify the department of that
4 fact. Upon receipt of the notice, the department shall revoke
5 the registration of the vehicle.

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