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APRIL 15, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 15, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for required financial  
3 responsibility.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1786(d) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 1786. Required financial responsibility.

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10 (d) Suspension of registration and operating privilege.--The  
11 Department of Transportation shall suspend the registration of a  
12 vehicle for a period of three months if it determines the  
13 required financial responsibility was not secured as required by  
14 this chapter and shall suspend the operating privilege of the  
15 owner or registrant for a period of three months if the  
16 department determines that the owner or registrant has operated

1 or permitted the operation of the vehicle without the required  
2 financial responsibility. The operating privilege shall not be  
3 restored until the restoration fee for operating privilege  
4 provided by section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of operating  
5 privilege or vehicle registration) is paid. Whenever the  
6 department revokes or suspends the registration of any vehicle  
7 under this chapter, the department shall not restore the  
8 registration until the vehicle owner furnishes proof of  
9 financial responsibility in a manner determined by the  
10 department and submits an application for registration to the  
11 department, accompanied by the fee for restoration of  
12 registration provided by section 1960. This subsection shall not  
13 apply in the following circumstances:

14 \* \* \*

15 (4) The owner or registrant had previously maintained  
16 for at least three successive years the financial  
17 responsibility coverage required under this chapter and the  
18 coverage has lapsed for a period not exceeding 90 days. The  
19 owner or registrant may, in lieu of receiving a suspension of  
20 registration and operating privilege, pay a fine to the  
21 department as follows:

22 (i) one hundred dollars on days 1 to 60 following  
23 the initial date on which financial responsibility  
24 lapsed.

25 (ii) two hundred dollars on days 61 to 90 following  
26 the initial date on which financial responsibility  
27 lapsed.

28 This paragraph shall not excuse an owner or registrant whose  
29 financial responsibility has lapsed from any other fine or  
30 penalty which may be imposed under this title.

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