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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 20, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for Class C licenses.

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

5 Section 1. Section 1504(d)(3) of Title 75 of the
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 1504. Classes of licenses.

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9 (d) Number and description of classes.--Licenses issued by
10 the department shall be classified in the following manner:

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12 (3) Class C.--A Class C license shall be issued to those
13 persons 18 years of age or older, except as provided in
14 section 1503 (relating to persons ineligible for licensing),
15 who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate any
16 single vehicle, except those vehicles requiring a Class M
17 qualification, with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more

1 than 26,000 pounds or any combination of vehicles, except
2 combination vehicles involving motorcycles, that does not
3 meet the definition of either Class A or Class B of this
4 section.

5 (i) Where required under this title, appropriate
6 endorsements must be obtained.

7 (ii) Any firefighter who is the holder of a Class C
8 license and who has a certificate of authorization from
9 his fire chief shall be authorized to operate any fire or
10 emergency vehicle registered to the fire department or
11 municipality, regardless of the other requirements of
12 this section as to the class of license required. No fire
13 chief, fire department, including any volunteer fire
14 company, or municipality shall be liable for any civil
15 damages as a result of the issuance of a certificate
16 authorized under this paragraph unless such act
17 constituted a crime, actual fraud, actual malice or
18 willful misconduct.

19 (iii) Any member of a rescue or emergency squad who
20 is the holder of a Class C license and who has a
21 certificate of authorization from the head of the rescue
22 or emergency squad shall be authorized to operate any
23 rescue or emergency vehicle equipped with audible and
24 visual signals registered to the rescue or emergency
25 squad or municipality, regardless of the other
26 requirements of this section as to the class of license
27 required. The issuing fire chief shall retain the
28 certificate of authorization. No head of a rescue or
29 emergency squad, the rescue or emergency squad or
30 municipality shall be liable for any civil damages as a

1 result of the issuance of a certificate of authorization
2 under this paragraph unless such issuance constituted a
3 crime, actual fraud, actual malice or willful misconduct.

4 (iv) The holder of a Class C license shall also be
5 authorized to drive a motor-driven cycle with an
6 automatic transmission and cylinder capacity not
7 exceeding 50 cubic centimeters or a three-wheeled
8 motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab, but not a
9 motorcycle unless the license is endorsed, as provided in
10 this title.

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