
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2727 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MUSTIO AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 17, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 17, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for promulgation of vehicle
3 equipment standards.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4103 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4103. Promulgation of vehicle equipment standards.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall promulgate vehicle
10 equipment standards for vehicles, equipment and devices required
11 under this part. To the maximum extent possible, consistent with
12 safety, the standards shall be expressed in terms of minimum
13 acceptable performance levels, measured against objective
14 testing parameters.

15 (a.1) Collision avoidance systems.--In addition to other
16 safety equipment required under this section and regulations
17 promulgated under it, each motor vehicle offered for sale in
18 this Commonwealth shall be equipped with a collision avoidance

1 system.

2 (b) Applicability of Federal standards.--Federal standards
3 promulgated with respect to the performance of any vehicle or
4 item of equipment shall have the same force and effect as if
5 promulgated by the department under subsection (a) and shall
6 supersede any Commonwealth standard applicable to the same
7 aspect of performance for the vehicle or item of equipment.

8 (c) Incorporation of standards by reference.--Subject to the
9 provisions of subsections (a) and (b), applicable standards or
10 recommended practices issued by the National Highway Traffic
11 Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, the
12 Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission, the American National
13 Standards Institute, the Society of Automotive Engineers or any
14 other generally recognized standards setting body may be adopted
15 by reference, provided that copies of the standards are
16 incorporated in the notice of proposed rule making.

17 (d) Applicability to certain vehicles.--Vehicle equipment
18 standards contained in this part or promulgated by the
19 department under the authority given in this part shall not
20 apply to a motor vehicle registered as an antique or classic
21 vehicle containing equipment which meets the original
22 manufacturer's specifications.

23 (e) Extension of standards prohibited.--Vehicle equipment
24 standards promulgated by the department shall not be extended to
25 any vehicle which, because of its date of manufacture, is not
26 required by Federal standards to have the equipment.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.