

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BALDWIN, BROWNE, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, FORCIER,
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AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 15, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for passing stopped authorized and
3 emergency vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3329. Passing stopped authorized and emergency vehicles.

9 (a) General rule.--Upon the immediate approach of an
10 authorized vehicle or emergency vehicle parked or standing on or
11 within 12 feet of a highway and making use of visual signals
12 meeting the requirements of Subchapter D of Chapter 45 (relating
13 to equipment of authorized and emergency vehicles) and standards
14 set forth in regulations adopted by the department, the driver
15 of every other vehicle shall:

16 (1) Move the vehicle into a lane that is not the lane
17 nearest the authorized vehicle or emergency vehicle and

1 continue traveling in that lane until safely clear of the
2 authorized vehicle or emergency vehicle. This paragraph shall
3 apply only if the highway has at least two lanes for traffic
4 proceeding in the direction of the approaching vehicle and if
5 the approaching vehicle may change lanes safely and without
6 interfering with any vehicular traffic.

7 (2) Slow the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for
8 traffic conditions and operate the vehicle at a reduced speed
9 until completely past the authorized vehicle or emergency
10 vehicle. This paragraph shall apply only if the highway has
11 only one lane for traffic proceeding in the direction of the
12 approaching vehicle or if the approaching vehicle may not
13 change lanes safely and without interfering with any
14 vehicular traffic.

15 (b) Fine.--Any driver who violates this section shall, upon
16 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$30 nor
17 more than \$300.

18 (c) Suspension of operating privilege.--The department shall
19 suspend the operating privilege of any driver for not less than
20 90 days nor more than one year upon receiving a certified record
21 of the driver's conviction under this section and if the
22 violation resulted in damage to another's property. The license
23 shall be surrendered in accordance with section 1540 (relating
24 to surrender of license).

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