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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 19, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for driver's license issuance to  
3 minors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1503(a)(7) of Title 75 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is  
8 amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 1503. Persons ineligible for licensing; license issuance to  
10 minors; junior driver's license.

11 (a) Persons ineligible for licensing.--The department shall  
12 not issue a driver's license to, or renew the driver's license  
13 of, any person:

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15 (7) Who is under 18 years of age except in accordance  
16 with subsections (b), (b.1) and (c).

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1 (b.1) License issuance to certain minor volunteers.--

2 (1) The department shall issue a driver's license to a  
3 minor who is 16 or 17 years of age who:

4 (i) Is a member of a volunteer fire company,  
5 volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance,  
6 paramedic or other rescue squad and is certified by the  
7 minor's fire chief or supervisor as having been active  
8 and in good standing with the volunteer organization for  
9 a continuous period of two years immediately preceding  
10 the certification.

11 (ii) Has successfully completed a driver's training  
12 course approved by the department.

13 (iii) Has met the requirements of section 1505 and  
14 passed the examination under section 1505(e).

15 (2) The driver's license of the minor shall be canceled,  
16 and the minor shall surrender the license in a manner  
17 prescribed by the department upon termination of the minor's  
18 volunteer status under paragraph (1)(i), whereupon the  
19 department shall issue a junior driver's license to the  
20 minor.

21 (3) In addition to the other provisions of this title  
22 relating to penalties or to the suspension or revocation of  
23 operating privileges, in the event that a minor driver under  
24 this subsection is involved in an accident reportable under  
25 section 3746(a) for which the minor driver is primarily  
26 responsible in the opinion of the department or is convicted  
27 of any violation of this title, the department may cancel the  
28 driver's license of the minor driver, in which case the minor  
29 driver shall surrender the license in a manner prescribed by  
30 the department, and the department shall issue a junior

1     driver's license to the minor.

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