

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY O'PAKE, MUSTO, COSTA, LAVALLE, STOUT AND RAFFERTY,
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 1, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for restraint systems.

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

5 Section 1. Section 4581(a)(2) of Title 75 of the
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 4581. Restraint systems.

8 (a) Occupant protection.--

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10 (2) [Except for children under eight years of age and
11 except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (1.1), each] Each
12 driver and front seat occupant eight years of age or older of
13 a passenger car, Class I truck, Class II truck or motor home
14 operated in this Commonwealth shall wear a properly adjusted
15 and fastened safety seat belt system. A conviction under this
16 paragraph by State or local law enforcement agencies shall
17 occur only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor

1 vehicle has been convicted of any other provision of this
2 title. The driver of a passenger automobile shall secure or
3 cause to be secured in a properly adjusted and fastened
4 safety seat belt system any occupant who is eight years of
5 age or older and less than 18 years of age. This paragraph
6 shall not apply to:

7 (i) A driver or front seat occupant eight years of
8 age or older of any vehicle manufactured before July 1,
9 1966.

10 (ii) A driver or front seat occupant eight years of
11 age or older who possesses a written verification from a
12 physician that he is unable to wear a safety seat belt
13 system for physical or medical reasons, or from a
14 psychiatrist or other specialist qualified to make an
15 informed judgment that he is unable to wear a safety seat
16 belt system for psychological reasons.

17 (iii) A rural letter carrier while operating any
18 motor vehicle during the performance of his duties as a
19 United States postal service rural letter carrier only
20 between the first and last delivery points.

21 (iv) A driver who makes frequent stops and is
22 traveling less than 15 miles per hour for the purpose of
23 delivering goods or services while in the performance of
24 his duties and only between the first and last delivery
25 points.

26 A violation of this paragraph shall not be subject to the
27 assessment of any points under section 1535 (relating to
28 schedule of convictions and points).

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