

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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READSHAW, SCAVELLO AND WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for  
3 inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel; in  
4 enforcement, further providing for investigation by police  
5 officers.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 4704(a)(2) and 6308(b) of Title 75 of  
9 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 4704. Inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel.

11 (a) Authority to inspect.--

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13 (2) Systematic vehicle inspection programs.--Any  
14 Pennsylvania State Police officer or qualified Commonwealth  
15 employee engaged in a systematic vehicle inspection program  
16 may inspect any vehicle, driver, documents, equipment and  
17 load to determine whether they meet standards established in  
18 department regulations. No Commonwealth agency or political  
19 subdivision shall accept Federal funds to establish a

1 systematic vehicle inspection program based on stopping only  
2 a particular type of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck  
3 or motorcycle. Notwithstanding this subsection, Federal  
4 funding may be accepted if a program stops only commercial  
5 motor vehicles, as defined in section 1603 (relating to  
6 definitions).

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8 § 6308. Investigation by police officers.

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10 (b) Authority of police officer.--Whenever a police officer  
11 is engaged in a systematic program of checking vehicles or  
12 drivers or has reasonable suspicion that a violation of this  
13 title is occurring or has occurred, he may stop a vehicle, upon  
14 request or signal, for the purpose of checking the vehicle's  
15 registration, proof of financial responsibility, vehicle  
16 identification number or engine number or the driver's license,  
17 or to secure such other information as the officer may  
18 reasonably believe to be necessary to enforce the provisions of  
19 this title. No Commonwealth agency or political subdivision  
20 shall accept Federal funds to establish a systematic program of  
21 checking vehicles or drivers based on stopping only a particular  
22 type of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.  
23 Notwithstanding this subsection, Federal funding may be accepted  
24 if a program stops only commercial motor vehicles, as defined in  
25 section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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