

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 538 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY MAKO, LEADBETER, ROWE AND KAUFFMAN, MARCH 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 20, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing
 3 for prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3314(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

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10 (b) Exception.--This section does not prohibit the use of
 11 hearing aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the
 12 driver, nor does it prohibit the use of a headset in conjunction
 13 with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one
 14 ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other
 15 ear, nor does it prohibit the use of communication equipment by
 16 the driver of an emergency vehicle or by motorcycle operators
 17 complying with section 3525 (relating to protective equipment
 18 for motorcycle riders) [.] , nor does it prohibit motorcycle
 19 operators complying with section 3525 from wearing or using one

1 or more headphones or earphones or protective headgear with the
2 same capabilities.

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