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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, DUSH, STEFANO, PENNYCUICK, BARTOLOTTA AND  
HUTCHINSON, APRIL 17, 2023

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of  
3 vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized  
4 persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in  
5 organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road  
6 in general, further providing for following too closely.

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

9 Section 1. Section 3102(2) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 § 3102. Obedience to authorized persons directing traffic.

12 No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any  
13 lawful order or direction of:

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15 (2) any appropriately attired person, including an agent  
16 or employee of the funeral director during a funeral or a  
17 designated member of an organized motorcycle procession under  
18 section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in organized motorcycle  
19 processions), authorized to direct, control or regulate  
20 traffic;

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2 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 3107.1. Drivers in organized motorcycle processions.

4 (a) General rule.--Except in cities of the first class and  
5 second class, the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is  
6 being driven in an organized motorcycle procession may:

7 (1) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of this  
8 part.

9 (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if  
10 the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started  
11 through the intersection while the signal indicator was green  
12 or, in the case of a stop sign, the lead vehicle or  
13 motorcycle first came to a complete stop before proceeding  
14 through the intersection.

15 (b) Visual signals required.--The privileges granted under  
16 this section shall apply only if the lead and trailing vehicle  
17 or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession display  
18 lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. All participants are  
19 required to have lighted head lamps and emergency flashers, if  
20 so equipped.

21 (c) Right-of-way to emergency vehicles.--This section does  
22 not relieve the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle which is being  
23 driven in an organized motorcycle procession from yielding the  
24 right-of-way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible and  
25 visual signals or from the duty to drive with due regard for the  
26 safety of all persons.

27 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
28 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
29 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "Organized motorcycle procession." A group of no fewer than

1 10 motorcycle drivers, not including the lead or trailing  
2 vehicle or motorcycle, that meets all of the following  
3 requirements:

4 (1) The procession must be conducted between the hours  
5 of 8 a.m. and sunset.

6 (2) The sponsor of the procession must notify the  
7 affected municipalities of the planned procession no later  
8 than three days before the commencement of a funeral  
9 procession and 14 days before the commencement of a  
10 charitable procession.

11 (3) The procession must be sponsored by a corporation or  
12 a nonprofit organization.

13 (4) The procession must be conducted for memorial or  
14 charitable purposes.

15 (5) At least 10% of the total number of motorcycle  
16 drivers in the procession must wear a class 2 or higher  
17 yellow reflective vest approved for use by the American  
18 National Standards Institute.

19 Section 3. Section 3310(c) of Title 75 is amended to read:  
20 § 3310. Following too closely.

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22 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--Upon any roadway outside of an  
23 urban district, motor vehicles being driven in a caravan or  
24 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so  
25 operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or  
26 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to  
27 enter and occupy space without danger. This subsection does not  
28 apply to funeral processions under section 3107 (relating to  
29 drivers in funeral processions) or organized motorcycle  
30 processions under section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in

1 organized motorcycle processions), which shall not be  
2 interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.  
3 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.