

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "in other  
2 required equipment, further providing for" in line 2 and all of  
3 line 3 and inserting

4 in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and,  
5 in other required equipment, further providing for visual  
6 signals on authorized vehicles and providing for flashing or  
7 revolving yellow and white lights and for solid waste  
8 collection vehicles.

9 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 18; page 2, lines 1  
10 through 13; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
11 inserting

12 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section  
13 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is  
14 amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to  
15 read:

16 § 102. Definitions.

17 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
18 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
19 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
20 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
21 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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23 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management  
24 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff  
25 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic  
26 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service  
27 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ  
28 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed  
29 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or  
30 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a  
31 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner  
32 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased  
33 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as  
34 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual

1 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial  
2 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional  
3 police association and operated by a police officer that is used  
4 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is  
5 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a  
6 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a  
7 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to  
8 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured  
9 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by  
10 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or  
11 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as  
12 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned  
13 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established  
14 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking  
15 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57  
16 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a  
17 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first  
18 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle  
19 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that  
20 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the  
21 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, or  
22 any other vehicle designated by the State Police under section  
23 6106 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by  
24 Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned vehicle used in  
25 answering an emergency call when used by any of the following:

- 26 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 27 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire  
28 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third  
29 assistant chief.
- 30 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 31 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant  
32 commander.
- 33 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- 34 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.
- 35 (7) A fire marshal.
- 36 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- 37 (9) The chief or operations director of a county  
38 hazardous materials response team.

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40 "Solid waste collection vehicle." A vehicle used for the  
41 curbside collection of municipal solid waste or recyclables.

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43 Section 2. Section 4572(a) introductory paragraph of Title  
44 75 is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a  
45 paragraph to read:

46 § 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

47 (a) Flashing or revolving blue lights.--Ambulance personnel,  
48 volunteer firefighters, certified volunteer search and rescue  
49 organization members and owners and handlers of dogs used in  
50 tracking humans may each equip one motor vehicle with no more  
51 than two flashing or revolving blue lights. The following shall

1 apply:

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3 (7) The department may not prohibit the use of flashing  
4 or revolving blue lights mounted internally in the passenger  
5 compartment of a privately-owned vehicle used in answering an  
6 emergency call that otherwise comply with the department's  
7 regulations.

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9 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:  
10 \$ 4572.1. Flashing or revolving yellow and white lights.

11 (a) General rule.--Tow trucks may be equipped with one or  
12 more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more  
13 flashing or revolving white lights. The manner in which the  
14 light or lights shall be displayed and the intensity shall be  
15 determined by regulation of the department.

16 (b) Limitations.--The flashing or revolving yellow and white  
17 lights on tow trucks shall be activated only when the vehicle is  
18 actively performing the type of work which is the basis of the  
19 designation of the vehicle as an authorized vehicle or is within  
20 the vicinity of an emergency response area. Tow trucks shall not  
21 operate with activated flashing or revolving yellow and white  
22 lights when:

23 (1) Not engaged in the act of towing a vehicle.

24 (2) Brake lights, turn signals and operating lights are  
25 visible from the rear and not obstructed.

26 (3) The vehicle being towed does not trail behind the  
27 tow truck and is securely positioned on the flatbed of the  
28 tow truck with no parts of the towed vehicle overhanging.

29 (c) Penalty.--Unauthorized use of the lights specified in  
30 this subsection shall be a summary offense punishable by a fine  
31 of \$50.

32 \$ 4572.2. Solid waste collection vehicles.

33 (a) General rule.--Upon approaching and passing a stationary  
34 solid waste collection vehicle that is giving a visual signal by  
35 means of bright yellow strobe light as required under subsection  
36 (b), the driver of an approaching vehicle shall proceed as  
37 follows:

38 (1) make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the  
39 solid waste collection vehicle, if possible in the existing  
40 safety and traffic conditions; or

41 (2) if a lane change under paragraph (1) would be  
42 impossible, prohibited by law or unsafe, reduce the speed of  
43 the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the  
44 existing road and traffic conditions, which shall be less  
45 than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

46 (b) Requirements for solid waste collection vehicles.--Solid  
47 waste collection vehicles shall be equipped with a bright yellow  
48 strobe light affixed to the roof, which shall be mounted to  
49 provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction,  
50 in accordance with department regulations. The strobe light  
51 shall be active while stopped upon a street and while engaged in

1 the collection of garbage, solid wastes, recyclables and refuse  
2 or while moving between stops at a speed not greater than 10  
3 miles per hour.

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "2" and  
5 inserting

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