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

Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

§ 102. Definitions.

Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent provisions of this title which are applicable to specific provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:
"Highly automated work zone vehicle." A motor vehicle equipped either with an automated driving system, or connected by wireless communication or other technology to another vehicle allowing for coordinated or controlled movement, used in an active work zone as implemented by the department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

"Platoon." A group of individual military vehicles or motor carrier vehicles operated by a human traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds at following distances that are closer than would be reasonable and prudent without such coordination.

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

§ 3317. Platooning.

(a) General rule.—Nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely).

(b) Visual identifier.—All platooning motor carrier vehicles must be marked with a visual identifier on the power unit. The department, after consultation with the Pennsylvania State Police, shall publish guidelines in the Pennsylvania Bulletin establishing the criteria and placement of the visual identifier. The guidelines shall be in effect until Federal guidelines or regulations are promulgated.

(c) Restrictions. A platoon shall observe the following restrictions:

(1) A maximum of three vehicles shall be in a platoon.

(2) Vehicles in a platoon shall travel only on limited
access highways or interstate highways, unless otherwise posted.

(3) The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall have the ability to restrict movement under this section during inclement weather, as determined by department regulations.

Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Sec.

8501. (Reserved).

8502. Highly automated work zone vehicle.

§ 8501. (Reserved).

§ 8502. Highly automated work zone vehicle.

(a) General rule.--The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle.

(b) Requirements.--When operating in an active work zone, a highly automated work zone vehicle does not require a human operator.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.

SECTION 1. SECTION 102 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO READ:

§ 102. DEFINITIONS.

SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:
"HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK ZONE VEHICLE." A MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPPED EITHER WITH AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM, OR CONNECTED BY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY TO ANOTHER VEHICLE ALLOWING FOR COORDINATED OR CONTROLLED MOVEMENT, USED IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION.

"PLATOON." A GROUP OF MOTOR VEHICLES, BUSES, MILITARY VEHICLES OR MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLES OPERATED BY A HUMAN TRAVELING IN A UNIFIED MANNER AT ELECTRONICALLY COORDINATED SPEEDS AT FOLLOWING DISTANCES THAT ARE CLOSER THAN WOULD BE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT WITHOUT SUCH COORDINATION. THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A SCHOOL BUS OR A SCHOOL VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

§ 3317. PLATOONING.

(A) GENERAL RULE. NONLEAD VEHICLES IN A PLATOON SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 3310 (RELATING TO FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY).

(B) VISUAL IDENTIFIER. ALL VEHICLES IN A PLATOON MUST BE MARKED WITH A VISUAL IDENTIFIER ON THE POWER UNIT. THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, SHALL PUBLISH GUIDELINES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA AND PLACEMENT OF THE VISUAL IDENTIFIER.

(C) RESTRICTIONS. A PLATOON SHALL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

(1) A MAXIMUM OF THREE VEHICLES SHALL BE IN A PLATOON.

(2) VEHICLES IN A PLATOON SHALL TRAVEL ONLY ON LIMITED
access highways or interstate highways, unless otherwise permitted by the department or the pennsylvania turnpike commission, as applicable.

(3) the department or the pennsylvania turnpike commission, as applicable under paragraph (2), may restrict vehicle movement under this section for operational or safety reasons, including, but not limited to, emergency conditions.

section 3. title 75 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

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8501. definitions.

8502. highly automated work zone vehicle.

8503. commonwealth agency.

8504. highly automated vehicle advisory committee.

§ 8501. definitions.

the following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"advisory committee." the highly automated vehicle advisory committee established in section 8504 (relating to highly automated vehicle advisory committee).

§ 8502. highly automated work zone vehicle.

(a) general rule. the department or the pennsylvania turnpike commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle.

(b) requirements. a highly automated work zone vehicle shall not require a human operator only when operating in an active work zone.
§ 8503. COMMONWEALTH AGENCY.

(A) AUTHORIZATION.--THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENNSYLVANIA
TURNPIKE COMMISSION MAY DEPLOY A HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK ZONE
VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8502 (RELATING TO HIGHLY
AUTOMATED WORK ZONE VEHICLE) OR PLATOON IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 3317 (RELATING TO PLATOONING) IF THE DEPARTMENT OR THE
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION OWNS THE VEHICLE.

(B) SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.--AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 11 OF
ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA, IT IS DECLARED TO
BE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT A COMMONWEALTH
AGENCY, ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
THEIR DUTIES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3317 OR 8502, SHALL
CONTINUE TO ENJOY SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND OFFICIAL IMMUNITY AND
REMAIN IMMUNE FROM SUITS. A CLAIM AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH AND
ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN THE MANNER,
IN THE COURT AND IN THE CASES AS DIRECTED UNDER 42 PA.C.S. CH.
85 (RELATING TO MATTERS AFFECTING GOVERNMENT UNITS).

§ 8504. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
DEPARTMENT.

(B) COMPOSITION.--THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF
NOT MORE THAN 21 MEMBERS. THE MEMBERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOW:

(1) THE SECRETARY, WHO SHALL CHAIR THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

(2) THE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

(3) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
TURNPIKE COMMISSION.

(4) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.
(5) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(6) NOT MORE THAN 14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPOINTED BY
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, THAT MAY INCLUDE A DIVERSE
GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
BUSINESS, ACADEMIA, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, INSURANCE, SAFETY
ADVOCATES, CONSUMER ADVOCATES, ENGINEERS, LABOR
ORGANIZATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS
DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY THE SECRETARY OF
TRANSPORTATION.

(7) EACH MEMBER UNDER PARAGRAPHS (2), (3), (4) AND (5)
MAY DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE TO SERVE IN THE MEMBER'S STEAD.
THE MEMBER SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIRPERSON IN WRITING OF THE
DESIGNATION.

(C) TERMS.--THE TERMS OF EACH MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS. A MEMBER
OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR ADDITIONAL
TERMS. AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SHALL SERVE FOR
THE UNEXPIRED TERM AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

(D) POWERS AND DUTIES.--THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO ADVISE AND CONSULT THE GOVERNOR,
THE SECRETARY AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ALL ASPECTS OF HIGHLY
AUTOMATED VEHICLES AND MAY DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, INCLUDING,
BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

(1) DEVELOP TECHNICAL GUIDANCE.

(2) EVALUATE BEST PRACTICES.

(3) RECOMMEND LEGISLATION AND POLICY.

(4) ENGAGE IN CONTINUED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF THE
TECHNOLOGY NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFE TESTING, DEPLOYMENT AND
CONTINUED INNOVATION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.
(E) MEETINGS AND EXPENSES.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

(1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES ANNUALLY, BUT MAY HOLD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE AT LEAST 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS' NOTICE FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS.

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF MEETING ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS AND SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO APPOINTED MEMBERS WHO MISS TWO CONSEQUENTIAL MEETINGS. AN APPOINTED MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(6) WHO MISSES THREE CONSEQUENTIAL MEETINGS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE REPLACED BY THE SECRETARY.

(3) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS SHALL BE PREPARED AND FILED WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER. EACH RECORD SHALL BE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

(4) AN APPOINTED MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(6) MAY NOT RECEIVE PER-DIEM EXPENSES.

(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE STAFF SUPPORT TO ENABLE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS.

(F) ANNUAL REPORT.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDER SUBSECTION (D) ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 90 DAYS.

SECTION 1. SECTION 102 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO READ:

§ 102. DEFINITIONS.

SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT
PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:

"HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK ZONE VEHICLE." A MOTOR VEHICLE USED IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE, AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AS APPLICABLE, WHICH IS:

(1) EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM; OR

(2) CONNECTED BY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY TO ANOTHER VEHICLE ALLOWING FOR COORDINATED OR CONTROLLED MOVEMENT.

"PLATOON." A GROUP OF BUSES, MILITARY VEHICLES OR MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLES TRAVELING IN A UNIFIED MANNER AT ELECTRONICALLY COORDINATED SPEEDS AT FOLLOWING DISTANCES THAT ARE CLOSER THAN WOULD BE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT WITHOUT THE COORDINATION. THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A SCHOOL BUS OR A SCHOOL VEHICLE.

SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

§ 3317. PLATOONING.

(A) GENERAL RULE.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE LEAD COMMONWEALTH AGENCY ON PLATOONING.

(B) EXCEPTION.--NONLEAD VEHICLES IN A PLATOON SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO SECTION 3310 (RELATING TO FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY).

(C) VISUAL IDENTIFIER.--EACH VEHICLE IN A PLATOON MUST BE MARKED WITH A VISUAL IDENTIFIER ON THE POWER UNIT. THE DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE AND THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, SHALL ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA AND PLACEMENT OF THE VISUAL IDENTIFIER UNDER
SUBSECTION (E).

(D) RESTRICTIONS.--A PLATOON SHALL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

(1) A MAXIMUM OF THREE VEHICLES SHALL BE IN A PLATOON.

(2) VEHICLES IN A PLATOON SHALL TRAVEL ONLY ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS OR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AS APPLICABLE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OR THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AS APPLICABLE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), MAY RESTRICT VEHICLE MOVEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR OPERATIONAL OR SAFETY REASONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

(4) A DRIVER SHALL BE IN EACH VEHICLE OF A PLATOON.


SECTION 3. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A CHAPTER TO READ:

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HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES

SEC.

8501. DEFINITIONS.

8502. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.

8503. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

§ 8501. DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER
SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

"ADVISORY COMMITTEE." THE HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 8503 (RELATING TO HIGHLY
AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE).

§ 8502. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.
(A) GENERAL RULE.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE LEAD
COMMONWEALTH AGENCY ON HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.
(B) HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK ZONE VEHICLES.--THE DEPARTMENT OR
THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION, AS APPLICABLE, SHALL
AUTHORIZE THE LOCATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA ON A PERIODIC BASIS TO
IMPLEMENT THE DEPLOYMENT OF A HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK ZONE
VEHICLE. A DRIVER MAY BE REQUIRED IN A HIGHLY AUTOMATED WORK
ZONE VEHICLE WHEN USED IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE.

§ 8503. HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
(A) ESTABLISHMENT.--THE HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.
(B) COMPOSITION.--THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
(1) THE SECRETARY, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
(2) THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
(3) THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.
(4) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.
(5) THE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.
(6) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
TURNPIKE COMMISSION.
(7) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.
(8) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(9) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE
GOVERNOR:

(I) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A TRANSIT AUTHORITY
LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(II) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A TRANSPORTATION,
EDUCATIONAL OR RESEARCH INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THIS
COMMONWEALTH.

(III) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A TECHNOLOGY COMPANY
ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.

(IV) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER
ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES.

(V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS
OR MOTORCYCLISTS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING DRIVERS OR CONSUMERS IN
THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(VII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A MUNICIPALITY OF THIS
COMMONWEALTH.

(VIII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING PLATOON OPERATIONS.

(IX) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING AN INSURANCE COMPANY,
ASSOCIATION OR EXCHANGE WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT THE
BUSINESS OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(X) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT LABOR
ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(C) VACANCIES.—IF A POSITION UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(9) HAS
BEEN VACANT FOR 120 DAYS, AN APPOINTMENT SHALL BE MADE ON A
ROTATING BASIS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND
THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO FILL THE VACANCY.

(D) ALTERNATES.—AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER UNDER
SUBSECTION (B)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) OR (8) MAY DESIGNATE
AN ALTERNATE TO SERVE IN THE MEMBER'S ABSENCE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN WRITING OF THE DESIGNATION.

(E) ALTERNATE FOR SECRETARY.--THE SECRETARY MAY DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) WHO MUST BE A DEPUTY SECRETARY.

(F) TERMS.--AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS. THE TERMS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(9) SHALL BE THREE YEARS. AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) SHALL SERVE FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

(G) MEETINGS AND EXPENSES.--THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

(1) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES ANNUALLY, BUT MAY HOLD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE AT LEAST 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND SHALL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS' NOTICE FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS.

(2) A RECORD OF MEETING ATTENDANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTICE IF TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS ARE MISSED. AN APPOINTED MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(9) WHO MISSES THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY BE REPLACED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(3) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS SHALL BE PREPARED AND FILED WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER. EACH RECORD SHALL BE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

(4) AN APPOINTED MEMBER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(9) MAY NOT RECEIVE PER DIEM EXPENSES.
(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE STAFF SUPPORT TO ENABLE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROPERLY CARRY OUT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS.

(H) POWERS.--THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ADVISE AND CONSULT THE SECRETARY ON EACH ASPECT OF HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLES AND PLATOONING IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AND MAY UNDERTAKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) DEVELOPING TECHNICAL GUIDANCE.
(2) EVALUATING BEST PRACTICES.
(3) REVIEWING EXISTING LAWS, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES.
(4) ENGAGING IN CONTINUED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFE TESTING, DEPLOYMENT AND CONTINUED INNOVATION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(I) ANNUAL REPORT.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (H) ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

SECTION 4. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 180 DAYS.