

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 646 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, HOLL, BELL, COSTA, HART, HECKLER,
SCHWARTZ AND FUMO, MARCH 7, 1997

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 7, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for accidents involving death or
3 personal injury and for accidents involving damage to
4 attended vehicle or property; and providing for leaving scene
5 of accident.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 3742(a) and 3743 of Title 75 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 3742. Accidents involving death or personal injury.

11 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as otherwise provided in
12 section 3743.1 (relating to leaving scene of accident), the
13 driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in
14 injury or death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle
15 at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but
16 shall then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain
17 at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the
18 requirements of section 3744 (relating to duty to give
19 information and render aid). Every stop shall be made without

1 obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

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3 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or
4 property.

5 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as otherwise provided in
6 section 3743.1 (relating to leaving scene of accident), the
7 driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in
8 damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or
9 attended by any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the
10 scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall
11 forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene
12 of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of
13 section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render
14 aid). Every stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more
15 than is necessary.

16 (b) Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty of
17 a summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$300 or imprisonment
18 for not more than 90 days, or both.

19 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
20 § 3743.1. Leaving scene of accident.

21 (a) General rule.--If the driver of any vehicle involved in
22 an accident subject to the provisions of section 3742 (relating
23 to accidents involving death or personal injury) or 3743
24 (relating to accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or
25 property) is in reasonable fear of his safety or the safety of
26 his passengers, the driver shall not be required to remain at
27 the scene of the accident but shall be required to immediately
28 report the accident to the nearest office of a duly authorized
29 police department and submit to the police department the
30 information specified in section 3744 (relating to duty to give

1 information and render aid). The driver shall report the
2 accident by telephone or in person to the nearest police
3 department as soon as safely possible after the accident.

4 (b) Penalty.--A person who leaves the scene of an accident
5 as provided for under this section but who fails to report the
6 accident to a police department as soon as safely possible
7 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be
8 sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or to imprisonment for not more
9 than 90 days, or both.

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