THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 7, 1977

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- Statutes further regulating the sale, publication and
- 3 disclosure of records and providing an increased penalty.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 6114 of Title 75, act of November 25,
- 7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes, added June 17, 1976 (No.81), is amended to read:
- 9 § 6114. Limitation on sale, publication and disclosure of
- 10 records.
- 11 (a) Offenses defined.--It is unlawful for:

- 1 (1) Any police officer, or any officer, employee or
- 2 agent of any Commonwealth agency or local authority which
- 3 makes or receives records or reports required to be filed
- 4 under this title to sell, publish or disclose or offer to
- 5 sell, publish or disclose records or reports which relate to
- 6 the driving record of any person.
- 7 (2) Any person to purchase, secure or procure or offer
- 8 to purchase, secure or procure records or reports described
- 9 in paragraph (1).
- 10 (b) Exceptions. -- This section does not apply to records or
- 11 reports:
- 12 (1) Required or authorized under this title to be sold,
- 13 published or disclosed.
- 14 (2) Authorized in writing by the person who is the
- subject of the record or report to be sold, published or
- disclosed. A police officer, or officer, employee or agent of
- 17 a Commonwealth agency or local authority may rely on a
- 18 certification from a person requesting a record or report
- under this paragraph that its sale, publication or disclosure
- 20 has been authorized by the person who is the subject of the
- 21 record or report. In the event such sale, publication or
- 22 disclosure shall not have been authorized, the person who
- 23 made the false certification, rather than the police officer
- or officer, employee or agent of the Commonwealth agency or
- local authority, shall be guilty of the offense defined by
- 26 this section.
- 27 (3) Required to be released by order of court.
- [(4) Authorized by departmental regulation to be sold,
- 29 published or disclosed to any Federal, State or local
- 30 governmental agency for the sole purpose of exercising a

- legitimate governmental function or duty. Such records or
- 2 reports shall not be resold, published or disclosed by the
- 3 receiving agency for any commercial purpose nor without prior
- 4 departmental approval.
- 5 (5) Purchased by a person who, in compliance with the
- 6 Fair Credit Reporting Act (84 Stat. 1127-1136, 15 U.S.C. §
- 7 1601 et seq.), has filed with the department an affidavit, in
- 8 form acceptable to the department, certifying the intended
- 9 use of said record or reports.]
- 10 (c) Penalty.--Any offense under this section is a [summary
- 11 offense punishable by a fine of \$100.] misdemeanor of the third
- 12 <u>degree punishable by a fine of \$2,500 or imprisonment of one</u>
- 13 year, or both.
- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.