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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, including ambulances within the operating rules  
3 relating to other emergency vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3105 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 (P.L.162, No.81), is amended to  
9 read:

10 § 3105. Drivers of emergency vehicles.

11 (a) General rule.--The driver of an emergency vehicle, when  
12 responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an  
13 actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to  
14 but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the  
15 privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the  
16 conditions stated in this section.

17 (b) Exercise of special privileges.--The driver of an  
18 emergency vehicle may:

1           (1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of  
2 this part.

3           (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign,  
4 but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe  
5 operation, except as provided in subsection (d).

6           (3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the  
7 driver does not endanger life or property, except as provided  
8 in subsection (d).

9           (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of  
10 movement or turning in specified directions.

11       (c) Audible and visual signals required.--The privileges  
12 granted in this section to an emergency vehicle shall apply only  
13 when the vehicle is making use of an audible signal and visual  
14 signals meeting the requirements and standards set forth in  
15 regulations adopted by the department, except that an emergency  
16 vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with  
17 or display the visual signals.

18       (d) [Ambulances and blood-delivery] Blood-delivery  
19 vehicles.--The driver of [an ambulance or] a blood-delivery  
20 vehicle shall comply with maximum speed limits, red signal  
21 indications and stop signs. After ascertaining that the  
22 [ambulance or] blood-delivery vehicle will be given the right-  
23 of-way, the driver may proceed through a red signal indication  
24 or stop sign.

25       (e) Exercise of care.--This section does not relieve the  
26 driver of an emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due  
27 regard for the safety of all persons.

28       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately or July 1,  
29 1977, whichever is later.