THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1241

Session of 1979

INTRODUCED BY REED, CIMINI, BORSKI, PUCCIARELLI AND KOWALYSHYN, MAY 8, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 8, 1979

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, making it illegal to
- 3 refuse to disclose the name and address of the operator of
- 4 certain motor vehicles.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 6143 of Title
- 8 42, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
- 9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added April 28, 1978
- 10 (P.L.202, No.53), are amended to read:
- 11 § 6143. Registration number as evidence of operation of
- 12 vehicle.
- 13 * * *
- 14 (b) Inference overcome by testimony of owner.--If at any
- 15 proceeding the owner testifies that the owner was not operating
- 16 the conveyance at the time of the alleged infraction and submits
- 17 to an examination as to who at the time was operating the
- 18 conveyance and reveals the name and residence address of the
- 19 person, if known, then the inference arising from the

- 1 registration number shall be overcome and removed. The owner
- 2 shall provide the name and residence address of the person and
- 3 <u>if the owner refuses to disclose such within ten days he shall</u>
- 4 <u>be guilty of a summary offense.</u>
- 5 (c) Inference overcome by verified statement of the owner.--
- 6 If the matter is commenced in a county other than that of the
- 7 residence of the owner and a verified written statement setting
- 8 forth the facts set forth in subsection (b) is forwarded by the
- 9 owner to the tribunal, the inference arising from the
- 10 registration number shall be overcome. The owner shall provide
- 11 the name and residence address of the person and if he refuses
- 12 to do so within ten days he shall be guilty of a summary
- 13 offense.
- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.