

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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INTRODUCED BY BOWSER, THOMAS, YAHNER, PETERSON, MADIGAN,
CUNNINGHAM, WASS, MACKOWSKI, LEVI, CIMINI, WENGER, GRIECO,
S. E. HAYES, JR., DiCARLO, ZELLER AND GEIST, MARCH 18, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 18, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for highway use by school buses,
3 emergency vehicles and vehicles making local deliveries or
4 pickups and further providing for penalties.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4902(a), (c) and (e) of Title 75, act of
8 November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

10 § 4902. Restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

11 (a) General rule.--The department and local authorities with
12 respect to highways and bridges under their jurisdictions may
13 prohibit the operation of vehicles and may impose restrictions
14 as to the weight or size of vehicles operated upon a highway or
15 bridge whenever the highway or bridge, by reason of
16 deterioration or rain, snow or other climatic conditions, may be
17 damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles is prohibited or
18 the permissible weights reduced. School buses, emergency

1 vehicles and vehicles making local deliveries or pickups shall
2 be exempt from restrictions on highways but not bridges imposed
3 under this subsection.

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5 (c) Restrictions from traffic conditions.--The department
6 and local authorities with respect to highways and bridges under
7 their jurisdictions may prohibit the operation of vehicles and
8 may impose restrictions as to the weight or size of vehicles
9 operated upon a highway or bridge by reason of hazardous traffic
10 conditions or other safety factors. School buses, emergency
11 vehicles and vehicles making local deliveries or pickups shall
12 be exempt from restrictions imposed under this subsection.

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14 (e) Penalty.--

15 (1) Any person operating a vehicle or combination upon a
16 highway or bridge in violation of a prohibition or
17 restriction imposed under subsection (a) is guilty of a
18 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
19 pay a fine of \$75. In addition, any person operating a
20 vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the posted weight
21 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$75 for each 500 pounds,
22 or part thereof, in excess of 3,000 pounds over the maximum
23 allowable weight.

24 (2) Any person operating a vehicle or combination in
25 violation of a prohibition or restriction imposed under
26 subsection (c) is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon
27 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100
28 nor more than \$500.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.