

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2229 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KOLTER AND DININNI, FEBRUARY 9, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 9, 1982

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the weighing of vehicles.

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

5 Section 1. Section 4981 of Title 75, act of November 25,
6 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 § 4981. Weighing and measurement of vehicles.

9 (a) Authority of police officer.--Any police officer is
10 authorized to require the driver of any vehicle or combination
11 to stop and submit the vehicle or combination to be measured and
12 weighed. Weighing may be done by using either portable or
13 stationary scales. The weighing shall be conducted by qualified
14 personnel who have been trained in the use of weighing equipment
15 in a training program approved by the Department of Agriculture.
16 [A police officer may require that a vehicle or combination be
17 driven to the nearest stationary scales if the scales are within

1 two miles.] No police officer shall require that a vehicle or
2 combination be driven more than two miles for the purpose of
3 being weighed at any scale.

4 (b) Scales on freeways.--The Department of Transportation,
5 in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Police, shall operate
6 on freeways at points which it deems necessary scales and other
7 equipment for detecting violations of the size and weight
8 limitations prescribed by this chapter. The department may also
9 contract with persons or local authorities to use their scales.

10 (c) Tolerance when weighing axles.--A 3% tolerance per axle
11 shall be permitted when a vehicle is weighed on stationary or
12 portable scales. This tolerance shall not apply on any
13 interstate highway.

14 (d) Reweighing at request of driver or owner.--Whenever
15 scales operated by other than the department indicate that a
16 vehicle, wheel, axle or pair of axles is overweight, the driver
17 or owner may elect to have the vehicle reweighed on the nearest
18 available scales which have been certified by the Department of
19 Agriculture. The lower reading of the two scales shall determine
20 whether charges shall be filed under this section.

21 (e) Calibration of portable scales.--Portable scales shall
22 be calibrated every 30 days for the purpose of certification and
23 accuracy by the Department of Agriculture.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.