

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 803

Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY WILSON, MARCH 10, 1987

SENATOR CORMAN, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
MAY 18, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, ~~further providing for the persons by whom holders~~ <—
3 ~~of learners' permits must be accompanied, and for examiners.~~
4 PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARMS ON SCHOOL <—
5 BUSES.

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

8 ~~Section 1. Section 1505(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—
9 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

10 ~~§ 1505. Learners' permits.~~

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12 ~~(b) Learner must be accompanied. A learner's permit~~
13 ~~entitles the person to whom it was issued to drive vehicles and~~
14 ~~combinations of vehicles of the class or classes specified, but~~
15 ~~only while the holder of the learner's permit is accompanied by~~
16 ~~and under the immediate supervision of a person who:~~

17 ~~(1) (i) is administering an examination of the holder~~
18 ~~of the learner's permit as authorized in section 1508~~

~~(relating to examination of applicant for driver's license);~~

~~or~~

~~(ii) is licensed in this Commonwealth to drive vehicles of the class then being driven by the holder of the learner's permit; and~~

~~(2) is actually occupying a seat beside the holder of the learner's permit unless the vehicle is a motorcycle.~~

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~~Section 2. Section 1508 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~

~~§ 1508. Examination of applicant for driver's license.~~

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~~(d) Examiner. It need not be necessary that an examiner have the same class of license as the class for which the applicant is being examined.~~

~~Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

SECTION 1. SECTIONS 4552 AND 4921 OF TITLE 75 OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED BY ADDING
SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

§ 4552. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUSES.

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(B.1) USE OF SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARMS.--EVERY SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARM ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. THE SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARMS SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED WHENEVER THE BUS IS STOPPED WITH THE RED VISUAL SIGNALS IN THE USE AND SHALL ITSELF CONTAIN A FLASHING RED LIGHT CONNECTED TO THE SAME CIRCUITS AS THE RED VISUAL SIGNALS. THE SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARM IS MANDATED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

(1) SCHOOL BUSES MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH AND USE A SIDE

1 STOP SIGNAL ARM ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1988.

2 (2) EVERY NEW SCHOOL BUS PURCHASED AND MANUFACTURED
3 AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989 SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SIDE STOP
4 SIGNAL ARM.

5 (3) BY JANUARY 1, 1994 EVERY SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE
6 EQUIPPED WITH A SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARM.

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8 § 4921. WIDTH OF VEHICLES.

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10 (E.1) SCHOOL BUSES.--SCHOOL BUS SIDE STOP SIGNAL ARMS, AS
11 PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4552 (RELATING TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
12 FOR SCHOOL BUSES), MAY, WHEN IN AN EXTENDED POSITION DISPLAYING
13 RED VISUAL SIGNALS WHILE THE VEHICLE IS STOPPED AND LOADING OR
14 DISCHARGING STUDENTS, EXTEND BEYOND THE WIDTH LIMITATION
15 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

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17 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.