

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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DONATUCCI, BELARDI, BOYES AND FOX, MARCH 7, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 7, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, requiring seat belts for school buses; and  
3 providing penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3716. Mandatory use of seat belts in school buses.

9 (a) General rule.--It is unlawful for a person to operate or  
10 to permit the operation of a school bus to transport students to  
11 or from school activities unless each student is properly  
12 buckled into his seat by a seat belt.

13 (b) Penalty.--A person violating this section commits a  
14 summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first  
15 offense and a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for  
16 a second or subsequent offense.

17 (c) Defense.--It is a defense to prosecution under this

1 section that a student, after having been properly buckled into  
2 his seat by a seat belt, unbuckled the seat belt without the  
3 knowledge of the operator of the school bus.

4 Section 2. Section 4552(d) of Title 75 is amended to read:  
5 § 4552. General requirements for school buses.

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7 (d) Seating.--Adequate seating space of safe design and  
8 construction shall be provided for each passenger and no  
9 passenger shall be carried for which adequate seating space is  
10 not available and used. By January 1, 1990, all seats shall be  
11 equipped with seat belts.

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13 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

14 (1) Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1,  
15 1990.

16 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect  
17 immediately.