

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1420 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, MAY 22, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 22, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for suspension of operating
3 privilege for failure to respond to citation.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1533 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1533. Suspension of operating privilege for failure to
9 respond to citation.

10 (a) Violations within Commonwealth.--The department shall
11 suspend the operating privilege of any person who has failed to
12 respond to a citation or summons to appear before a court of
13 competent jurisdiction of this Commonwealth [or of any state
14 for] for any violation of this title, other than parking, or who
15 has failed to pay any fine or costs imposed by such court for
16 any violation of this title, other than parking, upon being duly
17 notified [in accordance with general rules. There shall be] by a
18 court of this Commonwealth.

1 (b) Violations outside Commonwealth.--The department shall
2 suspend the operating privilege of any person who has failed to
3 respond to a citation, summons or similar writ to appear before
4 a court of competent jurisdiction of the United States or any
5 state which has entered into an enforcement agreement with the
6 department, as authorized by section 6146 (relating to
7 enforcement agreements), for any violation of the motor vehicle
8 laws of such state, other than parking, or who has failed to pay
9 any fine or costs imposed by such court, upon being duly
10 notified in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in
11 which the violation occurred. A person who provides proof,
12 satisfactory to the department, that the full amount of the fine
13 and costs have been forwarded to the court shall not be regarded
14 as having failed to respond for the purposes of this subsection.

15 (c) Time for responding to notice.--Before the operating
16 privilege of any person is suspended under this section, the
17 person shall have 15 days to respond to [such] the court's
18 notification [before suspension is imposed].

19 (d) Period of suspension.--The suspension shall [be for an
20 indefinite period until such] continue until the person shall
21 respond to the citation, summons or writ, as the case may be,
22 and pay [any] all fines and penalties imposed[. Such] or enter
23 into an agreement to make installment payments for the fines and
24 penalties imposed, except that the suspension may be reimposed
25 by the department if the defendant fails to make regular
26 installment payments.

27 (e) Remedy cumulative.--A suspension under this section
28 shall be in addition to the requirement of withholding renewal
29 or reinstatement of a violator's driver's license as prescribed
30 in section [1503(c)] 1503(a) (relating to persons ineligible for

1 licensing).

2 (f) Admissibility of documents.--A copy of a document issued
3 by a court of issuing authority of this Commonwealth or by an
4 official of another state shall be admissible for the purpose of
5 proving a violation of this section.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.