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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for pedalcycle use on freeways.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3511 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 3511. Pedalcycles prohibited on freeways.

8 (a) General rule.--No person shall ride a pedalcycle on a
9 freeway.

10 (b) Exceptions.--

11 (1) The department and local authorities, on highways
12 under their respective jurisdictions, may issue permits for a
13 procession or event prohibited under subsection (a) upon a
14 determination that:

15 (i) The pedalcycle procession or event is of
16 national, State or regional interest; and

17 (ii) the results of an engineering and traffic study

1 indicate that the procession or event can be conducted
2 with safety.

3 (2) On State-designated freeways, pedalcycles may be
4 authorized under the following limitations:

5 (i) The pedalcyclers is 16 years of age or older or
6 is accompanied by a pedalcyclers 18 years of age or older.

7 (ii) A written request for review of the freeway
8 route based on the potential unavailability of a
9 reasonable alternate route is made to the department.

10 (iii) The department determines that no reasonable
11 alternate route exists.

12 (iv) The department publishes a notice in the
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin authorizing pedalcycle access to
14 the freeway. The notice shall constitute approval for the
15 persons authorized under subparagraph (i) to ride a
16 pedalcycle on the State-designated freeway.

17 (c) Action by local authorities.--Action taken by local
18 authorities regarding permission to use pedalcycles on freeways
19 under their jurisdiction shall be:

20 (1) by ordinance of the local governing body; or

21 (2) by a commission or public official authorized to act
22 on specified matters.

23 (d) Action by department.--Whenever an action by the
24 department effectively redefines any highway as a freeway, thus
25 closing that highway to existing pedalcycle traffic, the
26 department shall initiate the review described in subsection
27 (b)(2)(ii).

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