

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2395 Session of  
1996

INTRODUCED BY RUDY, SATHER, HERSHEY AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 12, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, prohibiting the use of hearing impairment devices  
3 by pedestrians while crossing State highways and roads.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3544 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 3544. Pedestrians walking along or on highway.

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10 (e) Impairment of hearing.--No pedestrian upon a State  
11 highway or roadway shall cross the highway or roadway while  
12 wearing or using headphones, earphones or any similar device  
13 which the department by regulation determines would impair the  
14 ability of the pedestrian to hear traffic sounds, no matter if  
15 the pedestrian is in an intersection, crosswalk or in another  
16 area of the roadway or highway. This subsection does not  
17 prohibit the use of hearing aids or other devices for improving  
18 the hearing of a pedestrian.

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