

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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L. I. COHEN AND BELARDI, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for a safe driving course.

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

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

7 § 1507.1. Safe driving course.

8 (a) General rule.--A driver's license may not be issued to a
9 person between 16 and 18 years of age unless the person
10 successfully completes a course of not less than five hours
11 relative to safe driving practices and passes an examination
12 prescribed by the Department of Education in consultation with
13 the Department of Transportation.

14 (b) Contents.--The department shall establish standards for
15 the safe driving course which shall include:

16 (1) A minimum of two hours on:

17 (i) the nature and the medical, biological and

1 psychological effects of alcohol and drugs and their
2 impact on the operator of a motor vehicle;

3 (ii) the dangers associated with the operation of a
4 motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs
5 by the operator;

6 (iii) the problems of alcohol and drug abuse; and

7 (iv) the penalties for alcohol and drug-related
8 motor vehicle violations.

9 (2) The remaining hours of instruction may emphasize
10 areas relevant to each area of this Commonwealth.

11 (c) Conduct of course.--The course shall be conducted by
12 school districts or approved drivers' schools.

13 (d) Fees.--Any fee charged for the course required in this
14 section shall not exceed \$25 of which \$5 shall be forwarded to
15 the department.

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