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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for restraint systems.

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

5 Section 1. Section 4581(a)(2) of Title 75 of the  
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 4581. Restraint systems.

8 (a) Occupant protection.--

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10 (2) Except for children under four years of age and  
11 except as provided in paragraph (1), each driver and front  
12 seat occupant of a passenger car, Class I truck, Class II  
13 truck or motor home operated in this Commonwealth shall wear  
14 a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system. A  
15 conviction under this paragraph by State or local law  
16 enforcement agencies shall occur only as a secondary action  
17 when a driver of a motor vehicle has been convicted of any

1 other provision of this title, except that it shall occur as  
2 a primary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has not yet  
3 attained his 18th birthday. The driver of a passenger  
4 automobile shall secure or cause to be secured in a properly  
5 adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system any occupant in  
6 the front seat who is four years of age or older and less  
7 than 18 years of age. This paragraph shall not apply to:

8 (i) A driver or front seat occupant of any vehicle  
9 manufactured before July 1, 1966.

10 (ii) A driver or front seat occupant who possesses a  
11 written verification from a physician that he is unable  
12 to wear a safety seat belt system for physical or medical  
13 reasons, or from a psychiatrist or other specialist  
14 qualified to make an informed judgment that he is unable  
15 to wear a safety seat belt system for psychological  
16 reasons.

17 (iii) A rural letter carrier while operating any  
18 motor vehicle during the performance of his duties as a  
19 United States postal service rural letter carrier only  
20 between the first and last delivery points.

21 (iv) A driver who makes frequent stops and is  
22 traveling less than 15 miles per hour for the purpose of  
23 delivering goods or services while in the performance of  
24 his duties and only between the first and last delivery  
25 points.

26 A violation of this paragraph shall not be subject to the  
27 assessment of any points under section 1535 (relating to  
28 schedule of convictions and points).

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