

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 46

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the identification of drivers
3 of vehicles.

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

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

8 § 1556. Identification of driver.

9 (a) Agreement to reveal identity of driver.--A person to
10 whom a motor vehicle is titled or registered in this
11 Commonwealth is deemed to have agreed to:

12 (1) Reveal the identity of the driver of the vehicle, if
13 known, to a police officer who has reasonable grounds to
14 believe the vehicle was involved in an accident or a
15 violation of the law.

16 (2) Accept responsibility for a parking violation in
17 which the vehicle is involved and make payment of any fine
18 levied for the violation. This paragraph does not apply to:

1 (i) Persons engaged in the business of leasing or
2 renting vehicles where the person responsible for the
3 parking violation is a lessee of the vehicle.

4 (ii) Persons who report the theft of the titled or
5 registered motor vehicle to the appropriate law
6 enforcement agency.

7 (b) Suspension for refusal.--

8 (1) If a person to whom a motor vehicle is titled or
9 registered in this Commonwealth refuses to reveal the
10 identity of the driver of the vehicle as provided in
11 subsection (a)(1), the department shall:

12 (i) suspend the registration of the vehicle and the
13 operating privilege of the person for a period of six
14 months; or

15 (ii) suspend the registration of the vehicle and the
16 operating privilege of the person for a period of one
17 year for a second or subsequent refusal within a period
18 of three years.

19 (2) It is the duty of the police officer to inform the
20 person that the person's operating privilege and vehicle
21 registration will be suspended upon refusal to reveal the
22 identity of the driver of the vehicle.

23 (3) A person whose operating privilege and vehicle
24 registration are suspended under this section shall have the
25 same right to appeal as provided for in cases of suspension
26 for other reasons.

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