

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 37

Session of
1999

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 7, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for securing loads on vehicles;
3 and requiring certain loads to be covered.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4903(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4903. Securing loads in vehicles.

9 (a) General rule.--No vehicle shall be driven or moved on
10 any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to
11 prevent any part of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or
12 otherwise escaping. Loads susceptible to scattering, including,
13 but not limited to, solid waste, sand, gravel, rocks, stones,
14 topsoil, culm and similar material, shall be subject to the
15 following requirements:

16 (1) The load shall be fully enclosed on all sides,
17 including the front and rear, and shall not extend above the
18 uppermost edge of the front, side or rear of the vehicle.

1 (2) If the load extends above a horizontal line six
2 inches below the uppermost edge of the front, side or rear of
3 the vehicle, the load shall be securely covered with a
4 tarpaulin or other suitable cover.

5 (3) Openings used to empty the load, including, but not
6 limited to, bottom dump gates and tailgates, shall have
7 properly working seals.

8 This section shall not prevent the department and local
9 authorities from spreading sand, salt and other antiskid
10 materials on the highway for the purpose of improving traction,
11 nor from spraying water or other substances for the purpose of
12 cleaning or maintaining the highway.

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