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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for obstructing emergency  
3 and military vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

8 § 5113. Obstructing emergency vehicles.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits:

10 (1) A misdemeanor of the first degree if he knowingly  
11 impedes, obstructs or interferes with the passage of an  
12 emergency vehicle.

13 (2) Involuntary manslaughter if he knowingly impedes,  
14 obstructs or interferes with the passage of an emergency  
15 vehicle and his impedance, obstruction or interference  
16 results in the death of a member of the public.

17 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
18 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection:

2 "Emergency vehicle." An emergency vehicle as defined in 75  
3 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions) that is responding to an  
4 emergency call and is making use of an audible signal and visual  
5 signals meeting the requirements and standards set forth in  
6 regulations adopted by the Department of Transportation.  
7 § 5114. Obstructing military vehicles.

8 A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he  
9 knowingly impedes, obstructs or interferes with the passage of a  
10 marked military vehicle.

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