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THOMAS, TURZAI AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 29, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 29, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, defining "mobile phone"; prohibiting the use of
3 mobile phone in school zone; and imposing a penalty.

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

6 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

8 § 102. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
12 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
13 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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15 "Mobile phone." Any telecommunications device that receives
16 an analog signal or digital signal, or both, and that is
17 designed for handheld use.

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1 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

2 § 3315. Prohibiting the use of mobile phone in school zone.

3 (a) General rule.--No driver shall operate a vehicle or
4 school bus within a school zone when the lights are illuminated
5 with intermittent flashes while using a mobile phone.

6 (b) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to:

7 (1) Law enforcement officers and operators of emergency
8 vehicles when on duty and acting in their official
9 capacities.

10 (2) Persons who are reporting an accident or emergency.

11 (c) Posting.--All school zones shall be posted with signs
12 designated by the department.

13 (d) Penalty.--Any person who violates subsection (a) commits
14 a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
15 pay a fine of \$100. A conviction under this section shall not
16 constitute a moving violation unless the offense involves an
17 accident.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.