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SENATE BILL

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MUSTO, KITCHEN, LOGAN AND FERLO, MARCH 29, 2005

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 29, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for junior driver's license.

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

5 Section 1. Section 1503(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 1503. Persons ineligible for licensing; license issuance to  
8 minors; junior driver's license.

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10 (c) Junior driver's license.--The department may issue a  
11 junior driver's license to a person 16 or 17 years of age under  
12 rules and regulations adopted by the department and subject to  
13 the provisions of this section. A junior driver's license shall  
14 automatically become a regular driver's license when the junior  
15 driver attains 18 years of age.

16 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no licensed  
17 junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway

1 between [11 p.m.] 12 midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied  
2 by a spouse 18 years of age or older, a parent or a person in  
3 loco parentis.

4 (2) A licensed junior driver conforming to the  
5 requirements of section 1507 (relating to application for  
6 driver's license or learner's permit by minor) may drive a  
7 vehicle upon a public highway between [11 p.m.] 12 midnight  
8 and 5 a.m. between the junior driver's home and activity or  
9 employment or in the course of the junior driver's activity  
10 or employment if the junior driver is a member of a volunteer  
11 fire company authorized by the fire chief to engage in  
12 fighting fires, is engaged in public or charitable service or  
13 is employed and is carrying an affidavit or certificate of  
14 authorization signed by the junior driver's fire chief,  
15 supervisor or employer indicating the probable schedule of  
16 the junior driver's activities. Upon termination of the  
17 junior driver's activity or employment, the junior driver  
18 shall surrender the affidavit or certificate to the fire  
19 chief, supervisor or employer. If the junior driver shall  
20 fail to surrender the affidavit or certificate, the employer,  
21 fire chief or supervisor shall immediately notify the  
22 Pennsylvania State Police.

23 (3) In addition to the other provisions of this title  
24 relating to the suspension or revocation of operating  
25 privileges, in the event that a licensed junior driver is  
26 involved in an accident reportable under section 3746(a) for  
27 which the junior driver is partially or fully responsible in  
28 the opinion of the department or is convicted of any  
29 violation of this title, the department may suspend the  
30 operating privileges of the junior driver until the junior

1 driver attains 18 years of age or for a period of time not  
2 exceeding 90 days.

3 (4) Any junior driver or other person violating any  
4 provision of this subsection is guilty of a summary offense.

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