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RAYMOND, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK AND YOUNGBLOOD,
MARCH 22, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting municipalities from
3 imposing fees for police services.

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

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1392. Prohibition of fees for specified police services.

9 (a) Prohibition.--A municipality shall not charge a fee for
10 or seek reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result
11 of municipal police responding to a motor vehicle accident
12 including, but not limited to, costs incurred for labor,
13 materials, supplies or equipment used or provided in the
14 response.

15 (b) Restricted application.--The prohibition of fees in
16 accordance with subsection (a) shall not be construed or applied
17 to authorize the imposition of any other fee by a municipality.

1 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection:

4 "Municipal police." A public agency of a municipality having
5 general police powers and charged with making arrests in
6 connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws.
7 The term shall include any regional police department from which
8 the municipality receives police services or any police
9 department which provides the municipality with police services
10 pursuant to agreement or contract.

11 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
12 township or home rule municipality.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.