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REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, OCTOBER 8, 2008

AN ACT

1 Providing for the establishment and operation of the
2 Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officer Alert System; and
3 imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania State Police
4 and the Department of Transportation.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
9 Law Enforcement Officer Alert Law.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Alert system." The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officer
15 Alert System which is established and operated by the
16 Pennsylvania State Police under section 3.

17 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the
18 Commonwealth.

1 "Message board." The electronic message system used by the
2 Department of Transportation to alert the motoring public to
3 changes in traffic conditions affecting State highways.

4 Section 3. Alert system.

5 (a) Establishment.--The Pennsylvania State Police shall
6 establish and operate the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officer
7 Alert System.

8 (b) System components.--The alert system shall use the
9 electronic message boards of the department to request the
10 assistance of the motoring public in the provision of
11 information which will assist law enforcement authorities in the
12 apprehension of any perpetrator who assaults a law enforcement
13 officer, who wounds a law enforcement officer or kills a law
14 enforcement officer when that perpetrator is fleeing the crime
15 scene in a vehicle.

16 (c) Information to be displayed.--The alert information
17 shall contain a description of the alleged perpetrator, a
18 description of the vehicle, the license plate number of the
19 vehicle, if available, and the party to be called if the
20 perpetrator is spotted.

21 Section 4. Duties of the Pennsylvania State Police.

22 In addition to the duties under section 3, the Pennsylvania
23 State Police shall:

24 (1) Coordinate with the department to provide for the
25 display of the information required under section 3.

26 (2) Coordinate with local law enforcement authorities to
27 activate the alert system and provide for the exchange and
28 the display of necessary information.

29 Section 5. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect January 1, 2009.