## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL <br> No. $23722_{\substack{\text { Samaino } \\ \text { zond }}}$

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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 1, 2012

AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, IN GENERAL PROVISIONS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; IN REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION; IN FEES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR FARM VEHICLES; IN INSPECTION OF VEHICLES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES AND FOR OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITHOUT OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION; AND, IN SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD, further providing for width of vehicles.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. Seetion 4921(b) (2) and (5) of Title 75 of the
Pennylvania Consolidated statutes are amended and the subsection is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

SECTION 1. THE DEFINITIONS OF "COMMERCIAL IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY" AND "MULTIPURPOSE AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE" IN SECTION 102 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

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§ 102. DEFINITIONS.
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SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE SHALL HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:
"COMMERCIAL IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY." AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY THAT:
(1) IS A SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE.
(2) IS USED [COMMERCIALLY] TO PERFORM AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OR HARVESTING ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVELY ON FARMS OTHER THAN FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY.
[(3) IS OPERATED OR MOVED UPON HIGHWAYS FOR NOT MORE THAN 180 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.]

THE TERM ALSO INCLUDES ANY OTHER VEHICLE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE A COMMERCIAL IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY.
"MULTIPURPOSE AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE." A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS [60] 62 INCHES OR LESS IN WIDTH AND [1,200] 2,000 POUNDS OR LESS IN DRY WEIGHT AND WHICH IS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND ONLY INCIDENTALLY OPERATED OR MOVED UPON THE HIGHWAYS.

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SECTION 2. SECTION 1302 (2), (10) AND (17) OF TITLE 75 ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING PARAGRAPHS TO READ: § 1302. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION.

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION: * * *
[(2) ANY IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY, TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AND ONLY INFREQUENTLY OPERATED UPON HIGHWAYS. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY UPON A FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE OR UPON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN:
(I) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(II) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 25 MILES APART.
(III) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES OR FOR DELIVERY, REPAIR OR SERVICING OF THE VEHICLE.]
(2.1) ANY IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY, OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY, USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS. VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN OPERATED WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE VEHICLE OWNER.
(2.2) ANY IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY, TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS WHEN BEING TOWED OR HAULED BY AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY OR FARM VEHICLE WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE TOWED OR HAULED VEHICLE.

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(10) ANY FARM VEHICLE USED EXCLUSIVELY UPON A FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE[.
(I) TYPE I--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WHICH DOES NOT

QUALIFY AS A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS ONLY FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET. HOWEVER, A FARM VEHICLE WHICH QUALIFIES AS A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE AND DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION AS TO TIME. SUCH A FARM VEHICLE MAY ONLY BE DRIVEN ON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 25 MILES APART.
(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES.
(D) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 50 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIR OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE.
(II) TYPE II--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WHICH DOES QUALIFY AS A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE AND WHICH DOES NOT DISPLAY A CURRENTLY VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS ONLY FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET AND BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN TEN MILES APART.
(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF TEN MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES.
(D) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS

LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIR OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE.], SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
(I.1) TYPE A--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WITH A GROSS

VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING NOT EXCEEDING 10,000 POUNDS MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS ONLY FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET AND BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 50 MILES APART.
(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 50 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES.
(D) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 50 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE OR THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER BEING TOWED OR HAULED BY THE FARM VEHICLE. (I.2) TYPE B--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF GREATER THAN 10,000 POUNDS AND NOT EXCEEDING 17,000 POUNDS MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS ONLY FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET AND BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 25 MILES

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(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES.
(D) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 50 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE OR THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER BEING TOWED OR HAULED BY THE FARM VEHICLE. (I.3) TYPE C--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WHICH DOES QUALIFY AS A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE AND WHICH DOES NOT DISPLAY A CURRENTLY VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION MAY BE DRIVEN UPON HIGHWAYS ONLY FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET AND BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN TEN MILES

## APART.

(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF TEN MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES.
(D) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS LOCATED WITHIN A RADIUS OF 25 MILES FROM SUCH FARM OR FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE OR THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER BEING TOWED OR HAULED BY THE FARM VEHICLE. (I.4) TYPE D--SUCH A FARM VEHICLE WHICH DOES QUALIFY AS A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE AND DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION MAY BE DRIVEN WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION AS TO TIME BUT MAY ONLY BE DRIVEN ON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN:
(A) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(B) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 50 MILES APART.
(C) SUCH FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS

FARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES OR FOR REPAIRING
OR SERVICING OF THE FARM VEHICLE OR THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER BEING TOWED OR HAULED BY THE FARM VEHICLE.
(III) A BIENNIAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR [SUCH] A FARM VEHICLE EXEMPT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.
(IV) THE OWNER OF THE FARM VEHICLE SHALL MAINTAIN SUCH MINIMUM LEVELS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE ON THE VEHICLE AS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED UNDER CHAPTER 17 (RELATING TO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BY OWNERS OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES. THE OWNER SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IF THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE FARM VEHICLE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED UNDER FARM LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE MAINTAINED GENERALLY BY THE OWNER. COVERAGE PRESCRIBED IN SUBCHAPTER B OF CHAPTER 17 SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED OR PROVIDED FOR THE FARM VEHICLE.

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(17) ANY MULTIPURPOSE AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY UPON A FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLES OR UPON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN:
(I) PARTS OF ONE SUCH FARM.
(II) SUCH FARMS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN [TWO] FIVE MILES APART.

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SECTION 3. SECTIONS $1924(B), 4702(A)$ AND $4703(A)$ OF TITLE 75

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ARE AMENDED TO READ:
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§ 1924. FARM VEHICLES.
(B) CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.--THE BIENNIAL PROCESSING FEE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION ISSUED IN LIEU OF REGISTRATION OF A FARM VEHICLE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED AND THE GROSS WEIGHT OR COMBINATION WEIGHT OR WEIGHT RATING ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

CERTIFICATE TYPE WEIGHT IN POUNDS FEE
TYPE [I] $\underline{A}$

TYPE B
GREATER THAN 10,000 AND NOT 24
EXCEEDING 17,000
TYPE [II] C
GREATER THAN 17,000
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TYPE [I] D GREATER THAN 17,000 100
§ 4702. REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES.
(A) ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION.--EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES, FARM VEHICLES WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OR GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF GREATER THAN 17,000 POUNDS FOR WHICH A TYPE [I] D BIENNIAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION HAS BEEN ISSUED AND PRIVATE NONCOMMERCIAL VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS.

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§ 4703. OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITHOUT OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION.
(A) GENERAL RULE.--EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, NO MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BEAR CURRENT REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THIS COMMONWEALTH AND NO FARM VEHICLE WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OR GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF GREATER THAN

17,000 POUNDS FOR WHICH A TYPE [I] D BIENNIAL CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION HAS BEEN ISSUED SHALL BE DRIVEN AND NO TRAILER REQUIRED TO BEAR CURRENT REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED BY THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL BE MOVED ON A HIGHWAY AND NO MASS TRANSIT VEHICLE SHALL BE OPERATED UNLESS THE VEHICLE DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

SECTION 4. SECTION $4921(B)$ OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO READ:
§ 4921. Width of vehicles.
(b) Special vehicles.--

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(2) Any implement of husbandry not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width may be dxiven, hauled or towed [between suncis and sunset] on highways other than freeways whout any restriction as to time. Such an implement of husbandry operating between sunset and sunvise shall have two rotating vellow beacons and vehieular hazard signal lamps operating.such an implement of husbandey may be dxiven:
(i) Between parts of one farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry.

the implement of husbandyy located not more than 50 miles apart.

## (iii) Between:

(A) farms; or
(B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a-
place of business of a mechanic or dealex in
implements of husbandyy;
located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or sexvieing the implement of husbandyy.
(iv) Between a farm owned or operated by the ownex of the implement of husbandry and a farm operated by another farmer located not more than 50 miles from the farm of the ownex of the implement of husbandry where the ownex or operator of the implement of husbandy is providing agrieultural sexvices.
(2.1) Any implement of husloandyy, exeeeding 14 feet 6 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width, may be driven, hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways if the implement of husbandry is covered by financial responsibility undex paragraph (2.2)(vii) and is preced by a pilot vehicle that displays an "ovexsize load" sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously activated hazard warning lamps. Implements of husbandyy subject to this paragraph may be driven, hauled or towed:
(i) Between parts of one farm owned or operated by the ownex of the implement of husbandry.
(ii) Between faxms owned ox opexated by the ownex of the implement of husbandry loeated not more than 50 miles apart.

## (ii) Between:

(A) farms; Ox
(B) a farm owned or operated by a faxmer and a place of business of a mechanie or dealex in implements of husbandyyi
located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing, demonstrating, repaixing or sexvieing the implement of husbandey:
(iv) Between a farm owned or opexated by the ownex of the implement of husbandry and a farm owned or operated by another farmer located not more than 50 miles from the farm of the ownex of the implement of husbandry where the ownex or operator of the implement of husbandry is providing agrieultural sexviees.

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(2.2) \text { An implement of husbandry exceeding } 14 \text { feet } 6
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hauled or towed on highways other than freeways between
sunset and sunrise within 25 miles of the farm or farms owned
of operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry if all
of the following are met:
(i) the implement of husbandry is equipped with
reflective edgemarks that are visible from the front, the
rear and, as is practicable, from the side;
(ii) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and
is operating hazard lamps in aceoxdance with the
regulations of the department;
(iii) the implement of husbandey is not dxiven or
tow at a sped greater than 25 miles per houri
(iv) the implement of husbandry is dxiven or towed
by a person who is at least 18 years of age;
(v) the implement of husbandyy is equipped with at
least one flashing or rotating light positioned to
indicate, as nearly as practieable, the extreme left side
of the implement and is visible for a distance of at
least 500 feet from the front and rear of the implement;
(vi) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and is operating at least one rotating yellow beacon or Yellow strobe light at the top of the implement:
(vii) the implement of husbandyy is followed by a Fehicle that is displaying continuously activated hazard tamps; and
(viii) the implement of husbandry is eovered by the minimum levels of liability insurance eoverage on the Fehicle as are ruired to be maintained under chaptex 17 frelating to financial responsibility) by ownexs of registered motor vehicles. The requirement of this subparagraph shall be met if the minimum amounts of Iiability insurance coverage for the implement of husbandry have been provided under farm liability insurance eoverage maintained genexally by the owner. Eoverage presexibed under Subehapter B of Chapter 17 frelating to motor vehicle liability insurance first party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or provided for the implement of husbandry.

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(5) [An implement of husbandry ox] A vehicle used exelusively for highly perishable erops for procesing and not exeeding 14 fect 6 inches in width may be opexated on highways other than freeways between sunset and sunxise only during the period of May 20 to october 15. The [implement or] wehicle, when used at this time, shall have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular hazard signal lampsoperating. (4.1) A VEHICLE NOT EXCEEDING 14 FEET 6 INCHES IN WIDTH MAY BE TOWED BY AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY EXEMPT FROM
REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 1302 (2.1) AND (2.2) (RELATING TO VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION) WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION AS TO TIME ON HIGHWAYS OTHER THAN FREEWAYS, IF THE IMPLEMENT TOWING THE VEHICLE IS BEING OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OR THIS SUBSECTION AND THE TOWED VEHICLE, WHEN TOWED BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE, MEETS THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF REAR LIGHTING UNDER SECTIONS 4303 (B) AND (C) (RELATING TO GENERAL LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS) AND 4305 (RELATING TO VEHICULAR HAZARD SIGNAL LAMPS).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.
SECTION 5. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:
(1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF 75 PA.C.S. § 1302(2), (2.1), (2.2), (10) AND (17) SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 120 DAYS.
(2) THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.
(3) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

