

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 11, 2014

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further defining  
3 "emergency ~~vehicle.~~" VEHICLE"; AND, IN OPERATION OF VEHICLES, <--  
4 FURTHER PROVIDING FOR DRIVERS OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section  
8 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes,  
9 amended June 22, 2012 (P.L.642, No.67), is amended to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

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

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17 "Emergency vehicle." A county emergency management vehicle,  
18 fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff vehicle,

1 ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic life  
2 support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service  
3 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ  
4 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed  
5 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or  
6 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a  
7 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner  
8 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased  
9 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as  
10 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual  
11 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial  
12 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional  
13 police association and operated by a police officer that is used  
14 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is  
15 owned and operated by a COUNTY correctional institution IN A <--  
16 CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS and used ~~for the transport of~~ TO RESPOND <--  
17 TO AN EMERGENCY AT A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN A CITY OF THE  
18 FIRST CLASS OR TO ESCORT AN AMBULANCE WHICH IS TRANSPORTING SICK  
19 OR INJURED prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle  
20 operated by a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics  
21 agent or narcotics agent supervisor while performing official  
22 duties as employees of the Office of Attorney General, any  
23 vehicle owned and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority  
24 established in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to  
25 parking authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S.  
26 Ch. 57 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class  
27 cities), A VEHICLE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA <--  
28 TURNPIKE COMMISSION THAT IS USED BY AN EMERGENCY SERVICE  
29 RESPONDER AS DISPATCHED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE  
30 COMMISSION'S TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CENTER, or any other vehicle

1 designated by the State Police under section 6106 (relating to  
2 designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police),  
3 or a privately owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call  
4 when used by any of the following:

5 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

6 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire  
7 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third  
8 assistant chief.

9 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.

10 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant  
11 commander.

12 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

13 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

14 (7) A fire marshal.

15 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

16 (9) The chief or operations director of a county  
17 hazardous materials response team.

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19 SECTION 1.1. SECTION 3105 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A <--  
20 SUBSECTION TO READ:

21 § 3105. DRIVERS OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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23 (D.1) VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY A COUNTY CORRECTIONAL  
24 INSTITUTION IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS.--THE DRIVER OF A  
25 VEHICLE THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A COUNTY CORRECTIONAL  
26 INSTITUTION IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS AND USED TO RESPOND TO  
27 AN EMERGENCY AT A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN A CITY OF THE  
28 FIRST CLASS OR TO ESCORT AN AMBULANCE WHICH IS TRANSPORTING A  
29 SICK OR INJURED PRISONER IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS SHALL  
30 COMPLY WITH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, RED SIGNAL INDICATIONS AND

1 STOP SIGNS. AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT THE VEHICLE WILL BE GIVEN  
2 THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE DRIVER MAY PROCEED THROUGH A RED SIGNAL  
3 INDICATION OR STOP SIGN.

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