THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1069 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, WAUGH AND SCARNATI, AUGUST 12, 2013

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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, in general provisions, further defining "emergency
- 3 vehicle."
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
- 7 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 § 102. Definitions.
- 10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
- 14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:
- 15 * * *
- 16 "Emergency vehicle." A county emergency management vehicle,
- 17 fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff vehicle,
- 18 ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic life

- 1 support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
- 2 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
- 3 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
- 4 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
- 5 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
- 6 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
- 7 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
- 8 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
- 9 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
- 10 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
- 11 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
- 12 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
- 13 for police transport or victim extraction, any vehicle operated
- 14 by a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
- 15 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
- 16 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
- 17 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
- 18 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
- 19 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
- 20 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities),
- 21 vehicles owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike
- 22 <u>Commission used by an emergency service responder as dispatched</u>
- 23 by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Traffic Operations
- 24 Center, or any other vehicle designated by the State Police
- 25 under section 6106 (relating to designation of emergency
- 26 vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned
- 27 vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by any of
- 28 the following:
- 29 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 30 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire

- 1 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
- 2 assistant chief.
- 3 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 4 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
- 5 commander.
- 6 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- 7 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.
- 8 (7) A fire marshal.
- 9 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- 10 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
- 11 hazardous materials response team.
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- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.