
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, BARRAR, RAPP, CARROLL, GABLER,
HICKERNELL, GIBBONS AND MOUL, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled
4 substance.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1547(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1547. Chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or
10 controlled substance.

11 (a) General rule.--Any person who drives, operates or is in
12 actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle in this
13 Commonwealth shall be deemed to have given consent to one or
14 more chemical tests of breath, blood or urine for the purpose of
15 determining the alcoholic content of blood or the presence of a
16 controlled substance if [a police officer has reasonable grounds
17 to believe the person to have been driving, operating or in
18 actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle:

19 (1) in violation of section 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to

1 driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked),
2 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or
3 controlled substance) or 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally
4 operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition
5 interlock); or

6 (2) which was involved in an accident in which the
7 operator or passenger of any vehicle involved or a pedestrian
8 required treatment at a medical facility or was killed.] one
9 of the following applies:

10 (1) A police officer has reasonable grounds to believe
11 the person to have been driving, operating or in actual
12 physical control of the movement of a vehicle in violation of
13 section 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to driving while operating
14 privilege is suspended or revoked), 3802 (relating to driving
15 under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or
16 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally operating a motor vehicle
17 not equipped with ignition interlock).

18 (2) The person was driving, operating or in actual
19 physical control of the movement of a vehicle which was
20 involved in an accident in which the operator or passenger of
21 any vehicle involved or a pedestrian required treatment at a
22 medical facility or was killed.

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24 Section 2. The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1547(a) shall apply
25 to a person driving, operating or in actual physical control of
26 the movement of a vehicle in this Commonwealth on or after the
27 effective date of this section.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.