

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2415 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, SCHMITT, BROOKS, SANCHEZ, KINSEY, FREEMAN, CIRESI, CONKLIN, NEILSON, SIMS, HOHENSTEIN, PASHINSKI, O'MARA, SCHWEYER, QUINN, McCLINTON, SAINATO, KOSIEROWSKI, ISAACSON, FITZGERALD, MADDEN AND KIM, MARCH 16, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 16, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, providing for the offense of transporting  
4 dogs in external section of vehicle.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5538.1. Transporting dogs in external section of vehicle.

10 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be prohibited to carry or  
11 cause or allow to be carried a dog on the hood, roof, truck bed  
12 or any other external section of a vehicle on a public road in  
13 this Commonwealth.

14 (b) Grading.--Upon conviction, a violation under this  
15 section shall be a summary offense punishable by:

16 (1) A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$150 for a  
17 first violation.

1       (2) A fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$300 for  
2       a second violation.

3       (3) A fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 or  
4       imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for a third  
5       or subsequent violation.

6       (c) Exception.--This section shall not apply to a dog  
7       transported in a secured insulated cage or container which is  
8       designed to facilitate the safe transportation of a dog and will  
9       prevent the dog from being exposed to outside weather conditions  
10      and from falling, jumping or being thrown from the vehicle.

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