THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 206

Session of 2021

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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
- definitions.
- 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 State or county emergency management
- 17 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
- 18 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
- 19 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service

- 1 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
- 2 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
- 3 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
- 4 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
- 5 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
- 6 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
- 7 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
- 8 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
- 9 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
- 10 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
- 11 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
- 12 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
- 13 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a
- 14 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a
- 15 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
- 16 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
- 17 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
- 18 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
- 19 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
- 20 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
- 21 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
- 22 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
- 23 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
- 24 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
- 25 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first
- 26 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle
- 27 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that
- 28 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the
- 29 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, a
- 30 <u>vehicle owned and operated by the Salvation Army and used for</u>

- 1 <u>emergency disaster services</u> or any other vehicle designated by
- 2 the State Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of
- 3 emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately
- 4 owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by
- 5 any of the following:
- 6 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 7 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
- 8 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
- 9 assistant chief.
- 10 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 11 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
- 12 commander.
- 13 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- 14 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.
- 15 (7) A fire marshal.
- 16 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- 17 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
- 18 hazardous materials response team.
- 19 (10) A police officer who is also a member of a county
- or regional municipal special emergency response team which
- 21 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
- 22 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).
- 23 * * *
- 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.