

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 725 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, MENSCH, J. WARD, STEFANO, ARGALL, VOGEL AND BROOKS, MAY 28, 2021

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 classes of licenses; and, in commercial drivers, further
4 providing for requirement for commercial driver's license.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1504(d)(3) of Title 75 of the <--
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a
9 subparagraph to read:

10 SECTION 1. SECTION 1504(F) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH OF TITLE <--
11 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED AND THE
12 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

13 § 1504. Classes of licenses.

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15 (d) Number and description of classes. Licenses issued by <--
16 the department shall be classified in the following manner:

17 * * *

18 (3) Class C. A Class C license shall be issued to those
19 persons 18 years of age or older, except as provided in

1 ~~section 1503 (relating to persons ineligible for licensing;~~
2 ~~license issuance to minors; junior driver's license), who~~
3 ~~have demonstrated their qualifications to operate any single~~
4 ~~vehicle, except those vehicles requiring a Class M~~
5 ~~qualification, with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more~~
6 ~~than 26,000 pounds or any combination of vehicles, except~~
7 ~~combination vehicles involving motorcycles, that does not~~
8 ~~meet the definition of either Class A or Class B of this~~
9 ~~section.~~

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11 ~~(v) Any driver who is the holder of a Class C~~
12 ~~license shall be authorized to operate a covered farm~~
13 ~~vehicle, regardless of the other requirements of this~~
14 ~~section as to the class of license required.~~

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16 (D.1) OPERATION OF COVERED FARM VEHICLE.--NOTWITHSTANDING <--
17 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (D) RELATING TO CLASS OF LICENSE
18 REQUIRED, ANY DRIVER WHO IS THE HOLDER OF A CLASS A, B OR C
19 LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A
20 COVERED FARM VEHICLE.

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22 (F) PENALTY.--[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (D.1),
23 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE
24 AND SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE OF UP TO
25 \$200, EXCEPT THAT, IF THE PERSON CHARGED FURNISHES SATISFACTORY
26 PROOF OF HAVING HELD THE PROPER CLASS OF LICENSE VALID ON THE
27 LAST DAY OF THE PRECEDING DRIVER'S LICENSE PERIOD AND NO MORE
28 THAN SIX MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE LAST DATE FOR RENEWAL, THE
29 FINE SHALL BE \$25. NO PERSON CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SUBSECTION
30 (A) SHALL BE CONVICTED IF THE PERSON PRODUCES AT THE OFFICE OF

1 THE ISSUING AUTHORITY WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE VIOLATION:

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3 Section 2. Section 1606(b) (5) and (5.1) of Title 75 are
4 amended to read:

5 § 1606. Requirement for commercial driver's license.

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7 (b) Exemptions.--The following persons are not required to
8 obtain a commercial driver's license in order to drive the
9 commercial motor vehicle specified:

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11 (5) A {licensed} driver ~~with a Class C license~~ UNDER <--
12 SECTION 1504(D.1) operating a Pennsylvania covered farm
13 vehicle anywhere within this Commonwealth.

14 (5.1) A {licensed} driver with a CLASS A, CLASS B OR <--
15 Class C or out-of-State equivalent license operating a
16 covered farm vehicle from another state when operated within
17 150 air-miles of the out-of-State farm.

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19 Section 3. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ <--
20 IMMEDIATELY. <--