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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOHENSTEIN, O'MARA AND KHAN, MARCH 14, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 14, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for  
3 suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to  
4 citation.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1533(a), (b), (c) and (d) of Title 75 of  
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 1533. Suspension of operating privilege for failure to  
10 respond to citation.

11 (a) Violations within Commonwealth.--The department shall  
12 suspend the operating privilege of any person who has failed to  
13 respond to a citation or summons to appear before an issuing  
14 authority or a court of competent jurisdiction of this  
15 Commonwealth for any violation of this title, other than  
16 parking, [or who has failed to pay any fine, costs or  
17 restitution imposed by an issuing authority or such courts for  
18 violation of this title, other than parking,] upon being duly

1 notified by an issuing authority or a court of this  
2 Commonwealth.

3 (b) Violations outside Commonwealth.--The department shall  
4 suspend the operating privilege of any person who has failed to  
5 respond to a citation, summons or similar writ to appear before  
6 a court of competent jurisdiction of the United States or any  
7 state which has entered into an enforcement agreement with the  
8 department, as authorized under section 6146 (relating to  
9 enforcement agreements), for any violation of the motor vehicle  
10 laws of such state, other than parking, [or who has failed to  
11 pay any fine or costs imposed by such court] upon being duly  
12 notified in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction in  
13 which the violation occurred. A person who provides proof,  
14 satisfactory to the department, that the full amount of the fine  
15 and costs has been forwarded to and received by the court shall  
16 not be regarded as having failed to respond for the purposes of  
17 this subsection.

18 (c) Time for responding to notice.--At least 15 days before  
19 an issuing authority or court notifies the department to impose  
20 a suspension pursuant to subsection (a), the issuing authority  
21 or court shall notify the person in writing of the requirement  
22 to respond to the citation [and pay all fines, restitution and  
23 penalties] imposed by the issuing authority or court.

24 (d) Period of suspension.--The suspension shall continue  
25 until such person shall respond to the citation, summons or  
26 writ, as the case may be, [and pay all fines, restitution and  
27 penalties imposed or enter into an agreement to make installment  
28 payments for the fines, restitution and penalties imposed  
29 provided that the suspension may be reimposed by the department  
30 if the defendant fails to make regular installment payments]

1 and, if applicable, pay the fee prescribed in section 1960  
2 (relating to reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle  
3 registration).

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5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.