

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in equipment standards, further providing for
3 unlawful activities; in other required equipment, further
4 providing for restraint systems; and abrogating regulations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4107(a)(1) and (b) introductory paragraph
8 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are
9 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
10 read:

11 § 4107. Unlawful activities.

12 (a) Violation of vehicle equipment standards.--

13 (1) [It] Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful
14 for any person to sell, offer for sale, lease, install or
15 replace, either separately or as part of the equipment of a
16 vehicle, any item of vehicle equipment affecting the
17 operation of the vehicle which does not comply with this

1 title or regulations promulgated thereunder, or which does
2 not comply with an applicable Federal motor vehicle safety
3 standard adopted by regulation by the department.

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5 (b) Other violations.--[It] Except as otherwise provided, it
6 is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

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8 ~~(b.2) Vehicle doors. If a vehicle is registered under~~ <--
9 ~~section 1301 (relating to registration and certificate of title~~
10 ~~required) and equipped from the original manufacturer with~~
11 ~~manufacturer designed and manufacturer installed removable doors~~
12 ~~with the intention to allow removal and reinstallation by the~~
13 ~~vehicle owner, that vehicle may be operated on the roadways of~~
14 ~~this Commonwealth with the doors removed. When the manufacturer~~
15 ~~designed and manufacturer installed doors are removed, the~~
16 ~~vehicle shall have side mirrors, including the original~~
17 ~~manufacturer side mirrors, or installed side mirrors attached by~~
18 ~~the vehicle owner. This subsection shall not limit or otherwise~~
19 ~~impact section 4534 (relating to rearview mirrors) or 4581~~
20 ~~(relating to restraint systems). To comply with section 4702~~
21 ~~(relating to requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles), a~~
22 ~~vehicle under this subsection shall be inspected with the doors~~
23 ~~attached.~~

24 (B.2) VEHICLE DOORS.-- <--

25 (1) IF A VEHICLE IS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 1301
26 (RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE REQUIRED)
27 AND EQUIPPED FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER WITH
28 MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED REMOVABLE
29 DOORS WITH THE INTENTION TO ALLOW REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION
30 BY THE VEHICLE OWNER, THAT VEHICLE MAY BE OPERATED ON THE

1 ROADWAYS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH WITH THE MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED
2 AND MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED DOORS REMOVED OR EQUIPPED WITH
3 NONORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER DOORS. WHEN THE
4 MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED DOORS ARE
5 REMOVED, THE VEHICLE SHALL HAVE SIDE MIRRORS, INCLUDING THE
6 ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER SIDE MIRRORS, OR INSTALLED SIDE MIRRORS
7 ATTACHED BY THE VEHICLE OWNER. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT
8 LIMIT OR OTHERWISE IMPACT SECTION 4534 (RELATING TO REARVIEW
9 MIRRORS) OR 4581 (RELATING TO RESTRAINT SYSTEMS). TO COMPLY
10 WITH SECTION 4702 (RELATING TO REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC
11 INSPECTION OF VEHICLES), A VEHICLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
12 SHALL BE INSPECTED WITH THE MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND
13 MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED DOORS ATTACHED.

14 (2) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM "NONORIGINAL
15 EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER DOOR" SHALL MEAN A VEHICLE DOOR THAT
16 IS NOT ORIGINALLY EQUIPPED BY THE MANUFACTURER, INCLUDING A
17 TUBE DOOR, HALF DOOR OR NET DOOR.

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19 Section 2. Section 4581(a)(2)(ii) of Title 75 is amended to
20 read:

21 § 4581. Restraint systems.

22 (a) Occupant protection.--

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24 (2) * * *

25 (ii) Except for children under 18 years of age and
26 except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (1.1) and
27 subparagraph (i) [each]:

28 (A) Each driver and front seat occupant of a
29 passenger car, Class I truck, Class II truck, classic
30 motor vehicle, antique motor vehicle or motor home

1 operated in this Commonwealth shall wear a properly
2 adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system.

3 (B) Each driver, front seat occupant and back
4 seat occupant of a vehicle operated as provided under
5 section 4107(b.2) (relating to unlawful activities)
6 in this Commonwealth shall wear a properly adjusted
7 and fastened safety seat belt system.

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9 Section 3. Any regulations or parts of regulations that are
10 inconsistent with this act are abrogated to the extent of the
11 inconsistency.

12 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.