

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of
3 vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized
4 persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in
5 organized motorcycle processions; in rules of the road in
6 general, further providing for following too closely; in
7 inspection of vehicles, further providing for inspection by
8 police or Commonwealth personnel; and, in enforcement,
9 further providing for investigation by police officers.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 3102(2) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
13 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

14 § 3102. Obedience to authorized persons directing traffic.

15 No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any
16 lawful order or direction of:

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18 (2) any appropriately attired person, including an agent
19 or employee of the funeral director during a funeral or a
20 designated member of an organized motorcycle procession under
21 section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in organized motorcycle

1 processions), authorized to direct, control or regulate
2 traffic;

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4 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

5 § 3107.1. Drivers in organized motorcycle processions.

6 (a) General rule.--The driver of a vehicle or motorcycle
7 that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession may:

8 (1) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of this
9 part.

10 (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if
11 the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started
12 through the intersection while the signal indicator was green
13 or, in the case of a stop sign, the lead vehicle or
14 motorcycle first came to a complete stop before proceeding
15 through the intersection.

16 (b) Visual signals required.--The privileges granted under
17 this section shall apply only if the lead and trailing vehicle
18 or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped
19 with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps
20 and emergency flashers. All participants are required to have
21 lighted head lamps and emergency flashers.

22 (c) Visual signals authorized.--A motorcycle driven in an
23 organized motorcycle procession may bear a yellow bandana or
24 cloth of at least two square feet which is tied to the
25 motorcycle mirror, handlebars or similar frontal area for the
26 purpose of designating the motorcycle as part of the procession.

27 (d) Right-of-way to emergency vehicles.--This section does
28 not relieve the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle which is being
29 driven in an organized motorcycle procession from yielding the
30 right-of-way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible and

1 visual signals or from the duty to drive with due regard for the
2 safety of all persons.

3 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
4 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
5 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Organized motorcycle procession." A group of motorcycle
7 drivers participating in an organized motorcycle ride in
8 accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

9 Section 3. Sections 3310(c), 4704(a)(2) and 6308(b) of Title
10 75 are amended to read:

11 § 3310. Following too closely.

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13 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--Upon any roadway outside of an
14 urban district, motor vehicles being driven in a caravan or
15 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so
16 operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or
17 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to
18 enter and occupy space without danger. This subsection does not
19 apply to funeral processions under section 3107 (relating to
20 drivers in funeral processions) or organized motorcycle
21 processions under section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in
22 organized motorcycle processions), which shall not be
23 interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.

24 § 4704. Inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel.

25 (a) Authority to inspect.--

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27 (2) Systematic vehicle inspection programs.--Any
28 Pennsylvania State Police officer or qualified Commonwealth
29 employee engaged in a systematic vehicle inspection program
30 may inspect any vehicle, driver, documents, equipment and

1 load to determine whether they meet standards established in
2 department regulations. A systematic vehicle inspection
3 program shall not be based on stopping only a particular type
4 of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.
5 Notwithstanding this subsection, a systematic vehicle
6 inspection program may stop only commercial motor vehicles,
7 as defined in section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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9 § 6308. Investigation by police officers.

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11 (b) Authority of police officer.--Whenever a police officer
12 is engaged in a systematic program of checking vehicles or
13 drivers or has reasonable suspicion that a violation of this
14 title is occurring or has occurred, he may stop a vehicle, upon
15 request or signal, for the purpose of checking the vehicle's
16 registration, proof of financial responsibility, vehicle
17 identification number or engine number or the driver's license,
18 or to secure such other information as the officer may
19 reasonably believe to be necessary to enforce the provisions of
20 this title. A systematic program of checking vehicles or drivers
21 shall not be based on stopping only a particular type of
22 vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.
23 Notwithstanding this subsection, a systematic vehicle inspection
24 program may stop only commercial motor vehicles, as defined in
25 section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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