

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "in other
2 required equipment, further providing for" in line 2 and all of
3 line 3 and inserting

4 in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and,
5 in other required equipment, further providing for visual
6 signals on authorized vehicles and providing for flashing or
7 revolving yellow and white lights and for solid waste
8 collection vehicles.

9 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 through 18; page 2, lines 1
10 through 13; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
11 inserting

12 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
13 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
14 amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to
15 read:

16 § 102. Definitions.

17 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
18 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
19 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
20 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
21 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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23 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
24 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
25 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
26 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
27 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
28 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
29 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
30 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
31 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
32 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
33 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
34 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual

1 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
2 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
3 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
4 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
5 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a
6 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a
7 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
8 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
9 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
10 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
11 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
12 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
13 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
14 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
15 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
16 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
17 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first
18 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle
19 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that
20 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the
21 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, or
22 any other vehicle designated by the State Police under section
23 6106 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by
24 Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned vehicle used in
25 answering an emergency call when used by any of the following:

- 26 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 27 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
28 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
29 assistant chief.
- 30 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 31 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
32 commander.
- 33 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- 34 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.
- 35 (7) A fire marshal.
- 36 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- 37 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
38 hazardous materials response team.

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40 "Solid waste collection vehicle." A vehicle used for the
41 curbside collection of municipal solid waste or recyclables.

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43 Section 2. Section 4572(a) introductory paragraph of Title
44 75 is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a
45 paragraph to read:

46 § 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

47 (a) Flashing or revolving blue lights.--Ambulance personnel,
48 volunteer firefighters, certified volunteer search and rescue
49 organization members and owners and handlers of dogs used in
50 tracking humans may each equip one motor vehicle with no more
51 than two flashing or revolving blue lights. The following shall

1 apply:

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3 (7) The department may not prohibit the use of flashing
4 or revolving blue lights mounted internally in the passenger
5 compartment of a privately-owned vehicle used in answering an
6 emergency call that otherwise comply with the department's
7 regulations.

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9 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:
10 \$ 4572.1. Flashing or revolving yellow and white lights.

11 (a) General rule.--Tow trucks may be equipped with one or
12 more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more
13 flashing or revolving white lights. The manner in which the
14 light or lights shall be displayed and the intensity shall be
15 determined by regulation of the department.

16 (b) Limitations.--The flashing or revolving yellow and white
17 lights on tow trucks shall be activated only when the vehicle is
18 actively performing the type of work which is the basis of the
19 designation of the vehicle as an authorized vehicle or is within
20 the vicinity of an emergency response area. Tow trucks shall not
21 operate with activated flashing or revolving yellow and white
22 lights when:

23 (1) Not engaged in the act of towing a vehicle.

24 (2) Brake lights, turn signals and operating lights are
25 visible from the rear and not obstructed.

26 (3) The vehicle being towed does not trail behind the
27 tow truck and is securely positioned on the flatbed of the
28 tow truck with no parts of the towed vehicle overhanging.

29 (c) Penalty.--Unauthorized use of the lights specified in
30 this subsection shall be a summary offense punishable by a fine
31 of \$50.

32 \$ 4572.2. Solid waste collection vehicles.

33 (a) General rule.--Upon approaching and passing a stationary
34 solid waste collection vehicle that is giving a visual signal by
35 means of bright yellow strobe light as required under subsection
36 (b), the driver of an approaching vehicle shall proceed as
37 follows:

38 (1) make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the
39 solid waste collection vehicle, if possible in the existing
40 safety and traffic conditions; or

41 (2) if a lane change under paragraph (1) would be
42 impossible, prohibited by law or unsafe, reduce the speed of
43 the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the
44 existing road and traffic conditions, which shall be less
45 than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

46 (b) Requirements for solid waste collection vehicles.--Solid
47 waste collection vehicles shall be equipped with a bright yellow
48 strobe light affixed to the roof, which shall be mounted to
49 provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction,
50 in accordance with department regulations. The strobe light
51 shall be active while stopped upon a street and while engaged in

1 the collection of garbage, solid wastes, recyclables and refuse
2 or while moving between stops at a speed not greater than 10
3 miles per hour.

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "2" and
5 inserting

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