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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing
4 for operation of kei class light-duty trucks; and, in
5 inspection of vehicles, further providing for operation of
6 vehicle without official certificate of inspection.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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18 "Kei class light-duty truck." A four-wheeled, fuel-powered
19 vehicle that has a maximum design speed of not more than 45
20 miles per hour and that is certified by the manufacturer to

1 comply with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
2 established in 49 CFR 571.500 (relating to Standard No. 500;
3 Low-speed vehicles).

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5 Section 2. Chapter 35 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
6 subchapter to read:

7 SUBCHAPTER G

8 OPERATION OF KEI CLASS LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS

9 Sec.

10 3598. Scope of subchapter.

11 3598.1. Required equipment.

12 3598.2. Operation on certain highways or roadways.

13 3598.3. Licensing, financial responsibility, titling and
14 registration.

15 3598.4. Seating limitation.

16 3598.5. Waiver of liability.

17 § 3598. Scope of subchapter.

18 This subchapter applies to the operation of kei class light-
19 duty trucks on certain highways or roadways in this
20 Commonwealth.

21 § 3598.1. Required equipment.

22 (a) General rule.--A kei class light-duty truck operated
23 upon a highway or roadway in this Commonwealth shall be
24 maintained in proper condition and comply with the equipment
25 requirements and standards as set forth in 49 CFR 571.500
26 (relating to Standard No. 500; Low-speed vehicles). A kei class
27 light-duty truck operated upon a highway or roadway in this
28 Commonwealth shall be equipped with the following additional
29 equipment:

30 (1) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to

1 stop the vehicle.

2 (2) An odometer.

3 (3) A speedometer.

4 (4) The original manufacturer's vehicle identification
5 number die stamped upon the body or frame, or both, of the
6 vehicle or the original manufacturer's vehicle identification
7 number die stamped upon the engine or motor of the vehicle.

8 (b) Exemption.--A kei class light-duty truck shall be exempt
9 from equipment requirements not enumerated in this subchapter.

10 (c) Slow moving vehicle emblem.--A kei class light-duty
11 truck shall have a slow moving vehicle emblem affixed in a
12 conspicuous place on the rear of the vehicle consistent with the
13 provisions of section 4529 (relating to slow moving vehicle
14 emblem).

15 (d) Penalties.--A person who operates a kei class light-duty
16 truck without the equipment prescribed in this section shall be
17 subject to the penalties under section 6502 (relating to summary
18 offenses).

19 § 3598.2. Operation on certain highways or roadways.

20 (a) Operation on State highways.--

21 (1) Except as otherwise provided under paragraphs (2)
22 and (3), a kei class light-duty truck may not be operated
23 upon a highway or roadway under the jurisdiction of the
24 department with a posted speed in excess of 45 miles per
25 hour.

26 (2) The secretary may, by order, permit the use of a kei
27 class light-duty truck upon a highway or roadway under the
28 jurisdiction of the department where the posted speed limit
29 is greater than 25 miles per hour but not greater than 45
30 miles per hour.

1 (3) The secretary may, by order, prohibit the use of a
2 kei class light-duty truck on a street under the jurisdiction
3 of the department where the secretary determines that the
4 operation of a kei class light-duty truck would constitute a
5 hazard.

6 (4) An order issued by the secretary under paragraph (2)
7 or (3) shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

8 (b) Operation on local roadways.--

9 (1) A kei class light-duty truck may not be operated
10 upon a highway or roadway under the jurisdiction of a local
11 authority with a posted speed limit in excess of 55 miles per
12 hour.

13 (2) A local authority may, by ordinance or resolution,
14 on a roadway under the local authority's jurisdiction, permit
15 the use of a kei class light-duty truck where the posted
16 speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour but not greater
17 than 55 miles per hour.

18 (3) A local authority may, by ordinance or resolution,
19 on a roadway under the local authority's jurisdiction,
20 prohibit the use of a kei class light-duty truck on a roadway
21 where the local authority determines that the operation of a
22 kei class light-duty truck would constitute a hazard.

23 (c) Intersection with State highways.--

24 (1) A kei class light-duty truck may enter an
25 intersection and cross a highway or roadway under the
26 jurisdiction of the department where the posted speed limit
27 is 35 miles per hour or less. If the highway or roadway is
28 more than two lanes or is divided, crossing shall only occur
29 at a signalized intersection or at a nonsignalized
30 intersection that the secretary determines to be appropriate

1 for crossings, either on the secretary's own motion or at the
2 request of a local authority.

3 (2) A kei class light-duty truck may enter an
4 intersection and cross a highway or roadway under the
5 jurisdiction of the department where the posted speed limit
6 is in excess of 35 miles per hour only at a signalized
7 intersection or at a nonsignalized intersection that the
8 secretary determines to be appropriate for crossing, either
9 upon the secretary's own motion or at the request of a local
10 authority.

11 (d) Intersection with local roadways.--

12 (1) A kei class light-duty truck may enter an
13 intersection and cross a highway or roadway under the
14 jurisdiction of a local authority where the posted speed
15 limit is 35 miles per hour or less. If the highway or roadway
16 is more than two lanes or is divided, crossing shall only
17 occur at a signalized intersection or at a nonsignalized
18 intersection that the local authority, by ordinance or
19 resolution, as appropriate, determines to be appropriate for
20 crossing.

21 (2) A kei class light-duty truck may enter an
22 intersection and cross a highway or roadway under the
23 jurisdiction of a local authority where the posted speed
24 limit is in excess of 35 miles per hour only at a signalized
25 intersection or at a nonsignalized intersection that the
26 local authority, by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate,
27 determines to be appropriate for crossing.

28 (e) Violation.--A person operating a kei class light-duty
29 truck upon a highway or roadway or crossing a highway or roadway
30 in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties

1 under section 6502 (relating to summary offenses).

2 § 3598.3. Licensing, financial responsibility, titling and
3 registration.

4 (a) General rule.--A kei class light-duty truck shall be
5 considered a passenger car for the purposes of Part II (relating
6 to title, registration and licensing) and section 4581 (relating
7 to restraint systems).

8 (b) License and financial responsibility.--An operator of a
9 kei class light-duty truck must have a valid driver's license
10 and maintain financial responsibility as required by Chs. 15
11 (relating to licensing of drivers) and 17 (relating to financial
12 responsibility).

13 (c) Certificate of title and registration.--A kei class
14 light-duty truck shall be properly titled and registered with
15 the department as required by Chs. 11 (relating to certificate
16 of title and security interests) and 13 (relating to
17 registration of vehicles). The department shall issue a
18 certificate of title upon submission of proof of an original
19 export certificate.

20 (d) Possession of information.--The driver's license, the
21 registration certificate of a motor vehicle and an insurance
22 identification card shall be in the possession of the driver or
23 operator at all times when the driver or operator is in charge
24 of a kei class light-duty truck on the highways or roadways of
25 this Commonwealth.

26 § 3598.4. Seating limitation.

27 A kei class light-duty truck may not be operated if the
28 number of passengers exceeds the number of available safety
29 belts in the vehicle.

30 § 3598.5. Waiver of liability.

1 (a) General rule.--A purchaser of a new or used kei class
2 light-duty truck in this Commonwealth shall execute a waiver and
3 certify that the kei class light-duty truck was purchased with
4 full knowledge of the potentially hazardous characteristics of
5 kei class light-duty trucks as detailed by the manufacturer or
6 the manufacturer's agent or dealer.

7 (b) Manufacturer responsibility.--The waiver shall be
8 prepared by the manufacturer, agent or dealer and kept in the
9 possession of the manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent or
10 dealer of kei class light-duty trucks. An executed copy shall be
11 provided to the purchaser.

12 (c) Signing by purchaser.--The signing of the waiver by the
13 purchaser shall serve to eliminate any liability of the
14 manufacturer and the manufacturer's agent or dealer of kei class
15 light-duty trucks.

16 Section 3. Section 4703(b) of Title 75 is amended by adding
17 a paragraph to read:

18 § 4703. Operation of vehicle without official certificate of
19 inspection.

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21 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) does not apply to:

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23 (15) A kei class light-duty truck.

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25 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 180 days.