THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2377 Session of 1996

INTRODUCED BY PETTIT, HESS, GODSHALL, HERSHEY, GEIST, OLASZ AND SERAFINI, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 9, 1996

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, further providing for driving on right side of
- 3 highway.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 3301 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is repealed.
- 8 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 9 <u>§ 3301.1. Drive on right side of highway.</u>
- 10 (a) General rule. -- Upon all highways of sufficient width,
- 11 except upon one-way streets, the driver of a vehicle shall drive
- 12 the same upon the right half of the highway and shall drive as
- 13 closely as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of such
- 14 highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of
- 15 the highway or unless the proper authorities have designated a
- 16 different part of the highway as the proper lane of travel, and
- 17 except when overtaking or passing another vehicle, subject to

- 1 the limitations applicable in overtaking and passing set forth
- 2 <u>in this title.</u>
- 3 (b) Applicability.--The provisions of this section shall
- 4 apply to multiple lane divided highways.
- 5 (c) Regulating traffic. -- The department may on any multilane
- 6 <u>highway or any part thereof</u>, by the erection of appropriate
- 7 signs or the construction of curbs, painted lines or other
- 8 physical separations, regulate any class of traffic or type of
- 9 <u>vehicle to a designated lane or lanes or provide separate</u>
- 10 traffic lanes for any class of traffic or type of vehicle,
- 11 <u>including multioccupant vehicles or car pools.</u>
- 12 (d) Exception. -- A vehicle shall be driven upon the right
- 13 half of the highway as provided for in this section except when
- 14 making a left turn as provided in sections 3322 (relating to
- 15 <u>vehicle turning left) and 3331 (relating to required position</u>
- 16 and method of turning).
- 17 (E) PENALTY.--THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE WHO
- 18 VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE AND, UPON
- 19 CONVICTION, SHALL BE SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE OF \$100. THE DRIVER

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- 20 OF A VEHICLE, OTHER THAN A MOTOR CARRIER VEHICLE, WHO VIOLATES
- 21 THIS SECTION COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION,
- 22 SHALL BE SENTENCED TO PAY OF FINE OF \$25.
- 23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.