

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STOUT, WENGER, BELAN, COSTA, MUSTO, SCHWARTZ AND  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further defining "emergency vehicle"; and further  
3 providing for visual and audible signals on emergency  
4 vehicles.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section  
8 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is  
9 amended to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

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

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17 "Emergency vehicle." A fire department vehicle, police  
18 vehicle, sheriff vehicle, ambulance, blood-delivery vehicle,

1 hazardous material response vehicle, armed forces emergency  
2 vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or chief county  
3 medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a chief deputy  
4 coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner used for  
5 answering emergency calls, or any other vehicle designated by  
6 the State Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of  
7 emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately  
8 owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by  
9 any of the following:

10 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

11 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire  
12 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third  
13 assistant chief.

14 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.

15 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant  
16 commander.

17 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

18 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

19 (7) A fire marshal.

20 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

21 (9) A constable certified under 42 Pa.C.S. § 2942  
22 (relating to conduct and insurance).

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24 Section 2. Section 4571(b) of Title 75 is amended to read:

25 § 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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27 (b) Police, sheriff, constable, fire and coroner or medical  
28 examiner vehicles.--

29 (1) Police, sheriff, constable, coroner, medical  
30 examiner or fire police vehicles may in addition to the

1 requirements of subsection (a) be equipped with revolving or  
2 flashing blue lights. The combination of red and blue lights  
3 may be used only on police, sheriff, constable, coroner,  
4 medical examiner or fire police vehicles.

5 (2) Unmarked police [and], sheriff and constable  
6 vehicles, used as emergency vehicles and equipped with  
7 audible warning systems, may be equipped with the lights  
8 described in this section.

9 (3) Police, sheriff, constable and fire vehicles may be  
10 equipped with a mounted rack containing one or more emergency  
11 warning lights or side mounted floodlights or alley lights or  
12 all such lights.

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.