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AND PETERSON, MAY 31, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 31, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing certain exceptions from limitations on
3 weight.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4902 of Title 75, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 4902. Restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

10 (a) General rule.--The department and local authorities with
11 respect to highways and bridges under their jurisdictions may
12 prohibit the operation of vehicles and may impose restrictions
13 as to the weight or size of vehicles operated upon a highway or
14 bridge whenever the highway or bridge, by reason of
15 deterioration or rain, snow or other climatic conditions, may be
16 damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles is prohibited or
17 the permissible weights reduced.

18 (b) Permit with bond.--The department and local authorities

1 may issue permits for movement of vehicles of size and weight in
2 excess of the restrictions promulgated under subsection (a) with
3 respect to highways and bridges under their jurisdiction,
4 conditioned upon the execution of a surety bond by the user in
5 favor of the department or local authorities to cover the cost
6 of repairs necessitated by the movement.

7 (c) Restrictions from traffic conditions.--The department
8 and local authorities with respect to highways and bridges under
9 their jurisdictions may prohibit the operation of vehicles and
10 may impose restrictions as to the weight or size of vehicles
11 operated upon a highway or bridge by reason of hazardous traffic
12 conditions or other safety factors.

13 (d) Erection of signs.--The department and the local
14 authorities shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained
15 signs designating the restrictions at each end of that portion
16 of any highway or bridge restricted as provided in subsections
17 (a) and (c). The restrictions shall not be effective unless
18 signs are erected and maintained in accordance with this
19 subsection.

20 (d.1) Local delivery exception.--Any restrictions imposed by
21 the department or local authorities regarding maximum weights on
22 certain highways or bridges pursuant to subsection (a) or (c)
23 shall not apply to the following vehicles where alternate routes
24 are not feasible:

25 (1) School buses on their normal routes.

26 (2) Vehicles making residential deliveries.

27 (3) Vehicles transporting agricultural produce from
28 farms.

29 (e) Penalty.--Any person operating a vehicle or combination
30 upon a highway or bridge in violation of a prohibition or

1 restriction imposed under subsection (a) is guilty of a summary
2 offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine
3 of \$75 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000
4 pounds over the maximum allowable weight.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60
6 days.