

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 2307** Session of  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 9, 1980

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the operation of emergency  
3 vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Sections 3742(a), 3743(a), 3744(a) and 3745 of  
7 Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as  
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 3742. Accidents involving death or personal injury.

10 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3755  
11 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
12 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or  
13 death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the  
14 scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall  
15 then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the  
16 scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of  
17 section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render

1 aid). Every stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more  
2 than is necessary.

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4 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle  
5 or property.

6 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3755  
7 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
8 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage  
9 to a vehicle or other property which is driven or attended by  
10 any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of  
11 the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall forthwith  
12 return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the  
13 accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of section 3744  
14 (relating to duty to give information and render aid). Every  
15 stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is  
16 necessary.

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18 § 3744. Duty to give information and render aid.

19 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3755  
20 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
21 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or  
22 death of any person or damage to any vehicle or other property  
23 which is driven or attended by any person shall give his name,  
24 address and the registration number of the vehicle he is  
25 driving, and shall upon request exhibit his driver's license and  
26 proof of insurance to any person injured in the accident or to  
27 the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle or  
28 other property damaged in the accident and shall give the  
29 information and upon request exhibit the license and proof of  
30 insurance to any police officer at the scene of the accident or

1 who is investigating the accident and shall render to any person  
2 injured in the accident reasonable assistance, including the  
3 making of arrangements for the carrying of the injured person to  
4 a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical  
5 treatment if it is apparent that treatment is necessary or if  
6 requested by the injured person.

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8 § 3745. Accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or  
9 property.

10 [The] Except as provided in section 3755 (relating to  
11 accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver of any  
12 vehicle which collides with or is involved in an accident with  
13 any vehicle or other property which is unattended resulting in  
14 any damage to the other vehicle or property shall immediately  
15 stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close  
16 thereto as possible and shall then and there either locate and  
17 notify the operator or owner of the damaged vehicle or other  
18 property of his name, address, information relating to the  
19 certificate of insurance and the registration number of the  
20 vehicle being driven or shall attach securely in a conspicuous  
21 place in or on the damaged vehicle or other property a written  
22 notice giving his name, address, information relating to the  
23 certificate of insurance and the registration number of the  
24 vehicle being driven and shall without unnecessary delay notify  
25 the nearest office of a duly authorized police department. Every  
26 stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is  
27 necessary.

28 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

29 § 3755. Accidents involving emergency vehicles.

30 (a) General rule.--The driver of an emergency vehicle,

1 involved in an accident when responding to an emergency call or  
2 when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the  
3 law or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire  
4 alarm, shall comply with the provisions of sections 3742  
5 (relating to accidents involving death or personal injury)  
6 through 3745 (relating to accidents involving damage to  
7 unattended vehicle or property) inclusive, as appropriate,  
8 except that the driver shall not be required to remain at the  
9 scene of the accident until the requirements of any of these  
10 sections have been fulfilled if the requirements are fulfilled  
11 by another person acting in behalf of the driver or by radio  
12 communication with police, fire, rescue or a similar agency  
13 established to deal with emergencies.

14 (b) Penalty.--

15 (1) Any person violating this section, EXCEPT AS <—  
16 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), is guilty of a summary  
17 offense, punishable by a fine of \$300 or imprisonment for not  
18 more than 90 days, or both.

19 (2) ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS SECTION IN RESPECT TO AN <—  
20 ACCIDENT INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IS GUILTY OF A  
21 MISDEMEANOR OF THE THIRD DEGREE.

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