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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
18 aid). Every stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more

1 than is necessary.

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3 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle
4 or property.

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

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17 § 3744. Duty to give information and render aid.

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

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

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7 § 3745. Accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or
8 property.

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

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

28 § 3755. Accidents involving emergency vehicles.

29 (a) General rule.--The driver of an emergency vehicle,
30 involved in an accident when responding to an emergency call or

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

13 (b) Penalty.--

14 (1) Any person violating this section, except as
15 otherwise provided in paragraph (2), is guilty of a summary
16 offense, punishable by a fine of \$300 or imprisonment for not
17 more than 90 days, or both.

18 (2) Any person violating this section in respect to an
19 accident involving personal injury or death is guilty of a
20 misdemeanor of the third degree.

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