

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2105 Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY BURNS, DECEMBER 7, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 7, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for abandoned vehicles on limited  
3 access highways.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3712 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 § 3712. Abandonment and stripping of vehicles.

10 (a) Abandonment on highway.--No person shall abandon a  
11 vehicle upon any highway. Any person abandoning a vehicle on a  
12 limited access highway shall, within 12 hours, notify the law  
13 enforcement authorities having jurisdiction of such abandonment  
14 and shall, within the next 12 hours, have the abandoned vehicle  
15 removed from the highway.

16 (b) Abandonment on public or private property.--No person  
17 shall abandon a vehicle upon any public or private property  
18 without the express or implied consent of the owner or person in

1 lawful possession or control of the property.

2 (c) Stripping abandoned vehicle.--It is unlawful for any  
3 person, except the owner or his agent or as otherwise provided  
4 in this title, to remove any part of an abandoned vehicle.

5 (d) Penalties.--

6 (1) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) is guilty  
7 of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced  
8 to pay a fine of \$50 plus all costs of disposing of the  
9 vehicle under the provisions of Chapter 73 (relating to  
10 abandoned vehicles and cargos).

11 (2) Any person violating subsection (c):

12 (i) For a first offense, is guilty of a summary  
13 offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor  
14 more than \$500.

15 (ii) For a subsequent offense, is guilty of a  
16 misdemeanor of the third degree.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.