

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 356

Session of  
1981

INTRODUCED BY O'CONNELL, MELLOW AND MOORE, FEBRUARY 23, 1981

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 23, 1981

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section  
7 102 and subsection (b) of section 4571 of Title 75, act of  
8 November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes, subsection (b) of section 4571 amended  
10 February 15, 1980 (No.8), are amended to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

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

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18 "Emergency vehicle." A fire department vehicle, police

1 vehicle, ambulance, blood-delivery vehicle, armed forces  
2 emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or chief  
3 county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a chief  
4 deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner used for  
5 answering emergency calls, one private vehicle of a fire or  
6 police chief or assistant chief or ambulance corps commander or  
7 assistant commander or of a river rescue commander used for  
8 answering emergency calls or other vehicle designated by the  
9 State Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of  
10 emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police).

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12 § 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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14 (b) Police [and], fire and coroner or medical examiner  
15 vehicles.--

16 (1) Police and coroner or medical examiner vehicles may  
17 in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) be equipped  
18 with revolving or flashing blue lights. The combination of  
19 red and blue lights may be used only on police and coroner or  
20 medical examiner vehicles.

21 (2) Unmarked police vehicles, used as emergency vehicles  
22 and equipped with audible warning systems, may be equipped  
23 with the lights described in this section.

24 (3) Police and fire vehicles may be equipped with a  
25 mounted rack containing one or more emergency warning lights  
26 or side mounted floodlights or alley lights or all such  
27 lights.

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29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.