

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 1234 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY WESTON, CESSAR, NAHILL, MAIALE, HOWLETT, RITTER,
BOOK, KASUNIC, FOX, HAGARTY, WOGAN, ARTY, DeLUCA, CAWLEY,
LEVDANSKY, McHALE, STEVENS AND CIMINI, APRIL 29, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 29, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, requiring seat belts for school buses; and
3 providing penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3716. Mandatory use of seat belts in school buses.

9 (a) General rule.--It is unlawful for a person to operate or
10 to permit the operation of a school bus to transport students to
11 or from school activities unless each student is properly
12 buckled into his seat by a seat belt.

13 (b) Penalty.--A person violating this section commits a
14 summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first
15 offense and a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for
16 a second or subsequent offense.

17 (c) Defense.--It is a defense to prosecution under this
18 section that a student, after having been properly buckled into

1 his seat by a seat belt, unbuckled the seat belt without the
2 knowledge of the operator of the school bus.

3 Section 2. Section 4552(d) of Title 75 is amended to read:

4 § 4552. General requirements for school buses.

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6 (d) Seating.--Adequate seating space of safe design and
7 construction shall be provided for each passenger and no
8 passenger shall be carried for which adequate seating space is
9 not available and used. By January 1, 1988, all seats shall be
10 equipped with seat belts.

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12 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

13 (1) Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1,
14 1988.

15 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
16 immediately.