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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for blood-delivery vehicles.

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

5 Section 1. Section 3105 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 3105. Drivers of emergency vehicles.

8 (a) General rule.--The driver of an emergency vehicle, when
9 responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an
10 actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to
11 but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the
12 privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the
13 conditions stated in this section.

14 (b) Exercise of special privileges.--The driver of an
15 emergency vehicle may:

16 (1) Park or stand, irrespective of the provisions of
17 this part.

1 (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign,
2 but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe
3 operation, except as provided in subsection (d).

4 (3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the
5 driver does not endanger life or property, except as provided
6 in subsection (d).

7 (4) Disregard regulations governing direction of
8 movement or turning in specified directions.

9 (c) Audible and visual signals required.--The privileges
10 granted in this section to an emergency vehicle shall apply only
11 when the vehicle is making use of an audible signal and visual
12 signals meeting the requirements and standards set forth in
13 regulations adopted by the department, except that an emergency
14 vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with
15 or display the visual signals. An ambulance which is
16 transporting a patient may use either the lights or the audible
17 warning system, or both, as determined by the driver of the
18 ambulance.

19 (d) [Ambulances and blood-delivery] Blood-delivery
20 vehicles.--The driver of [an ambulance or] a blood-delivery
21 vehicle shall comply with maximum speed limits, red signal
22 indications and stop signs. After ascertaining that the
23 [ambulance or] blood-delivery vehicle will be given the right-
24 of-way, the driver may proceed through a red signal indication
25 or stop sign.

26 (e) Exercise of care.--This section does not relieve the
27 driver of an emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due
28 regard for the safety of all persons.

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