
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 800 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY STOUT, CORMAN, HART, O'PAKE AND BELAN,
MARCH 21, 1995

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 21, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for prohibiting use of hearing
3 impairment devices.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3314 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

9 (a) General rule.--No driver shall operate a vehicle while
10 wearing or using one or more headphones, earphones or any
11 similar device which the department by regulation determines
12 would impair the ability of the driver to hear traffic sounds.

13 (b) Exception.--This section does not prohibit the use of
14 hearing aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the
15 driver, nor does it prohibit the use of a headset in conjunction
16 with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one
17 ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other
18 ear, nor does it prohibit the use of communication equipment by

1 the driver of a fire vehicle or by motorcycle operators
2 complying with section 3525 (relating to protective equipment
3 for motorcycle riders).

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