

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, TRELLO, YOUNGBLOOD, PESCI AND WASHINGTON,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 4, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for overtaking and passing of streetcars.

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

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

7 § 3315. Passing and overtaking streetcars.

8 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision in
9 this subchapter, the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and
10 pass to the left of a streetcar proceeding in the same
11 direction, whether actually in motion or temporarily halted to
12 receive or discharge passengers, if overtaking or passing
13 requires driving in a lane normally used by traffic moving in
14 the opposite direction.

15 (b) Passenger safety.--

16 (1) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass
17 a streetcar which has stopped to receive or discharge

1 passengers on the side which the passengers board or alight
2 until the doors of the streetcar are closed and the
3 passengers which are discharged have reached the side of the
4 highway.

5 (2) Where a platform or pedestrian zone exists, a
6 vehicle need not be brought to a full stop before passing the
7 streetcar, but may proceed past the streetcar at a speed not
8 greater than 35 miles per hour and with due caution for the
9 safety of pedestrians.

10 (c) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a
11 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
12 a fine of \$100.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.