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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75
- 2 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes,
- 3 providing for sexually violent predators.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 9792 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 8 § 9792. Definitions.
- 9 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
- 10 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 11 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 12 * * *
- "Sex offender code." The visible print of the letter "Y" on
- 14 the driver's license in order to indicate that the licensee is
- 15 <u>registered as a sexually violent predator.</u>
- 16 * * *
- 17 Section 2. Section 9795(d) of Title 42 is amended to read:

- 1 § 9795. Registration of offenders.
- 2 * * *
- 3 (d) Penalty. -- Any offender who fails to register with the
- 4 Pennsylvania State Police as required in this section or who
- 5 refuses to surrender his driver's license to the Pennsylvania
- 6 State Police in accordance with section 9795.1 (relating to
- 7 <u>driver's license identification of sexually violent predator)</u>
- 8 commits a felony of the third degree.
- 9 Section 3. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 10 § 9795.1. Driver's license identification of sexually violent
- 11 <u>predator</u>.
- 12 (a) Surrender of license. -- Any person who is registered as a
- 13 sexually violent predator on the effective date of this section
- 14 or who subsequently registers as a sexually violent predator
- 15 pursuant to section 9795 (relating to registration of offenders)
- 16 shall surrender his driver's license to the Pennsylvania State
- 17 Police. The Pennsylvania State Police shall take possession of
- 18 the person's driver's license and shall tender a temporary
- 19 license directing that person to report to the Department of
- 20 Transportation for a replacement driver's license which shall
- 21 contain a sex offender code. The temporary license shall be
- 22 valid for 30 days. The person shall tender to the Department of
- 23 Transportation of a fee of \$5 for the replacement license.
- 24 (b) List. -- The Pennsylvania State Police shall provide the
- 25 Department of Transportation with a list containing the name and
- 26 <u>current address of each person who is registered as a sexually</u>
- 27 violent predator and with an updated revision of the list on a
- 28 monthly basis which identifies the names and current addresses
- 29 of persons who have been added to or removed from the list of
- 30 registered sexually violent predators and which identifies any

- 1 change of address by any person registered as a sexually violent
- 2 predator.
- 3 Section 4. Section 9799 of Title 42 is amended by adding a
- 4 paragraph to read:
- 5 § 9799. Immunity for good faith conduct.
- 6 The following entities shall be immune from liability for
- 7 good faith conduct under this section:
- 8 * * *
- 9 (8) The Department of Transportation and its agents and
- 10 <u>employees</u>.
- 11 Section 5. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 12 § 1510.1. Inclusion of status as sexually violent predator on
- license.
- 14 (a) Code.--The department shall include a sex offender code
- 15 as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 9792 (relating to definitions) on the
- 16 <u>driver's license of any person who is registered as a sexually</u>
- 17 violent predator whenever the person applies for a driver's
- 18 license or any renewal thereof. Whenever a person with an
- 19 unexpired license is placed on the list of registered sexually
- 20 violent predators, the department shall cancel the license
- 21 within 30 days after receiving notification from the
- 22 Pennsylvania State Police and shall issue a replacement license
- 23 in accordance with 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1 (relating to driver's
- 24 <u>license identification of sexually violent predator).</u>
- 25 (b) Removal from list.--Upon a person's name being removed
- 26 from the list of registered sexually violent predators, the
- 27 department shall issue a license to the person without the sex
- 28 offender code printed upon the license at no charge.
- 29 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.