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McGEEHAN AND KORTZ, JANUARY 31, 2007

SENATOR ARMSTRONG, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, DECEMBER 3, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting fees for police services.

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

5 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 1392. Prohibition of fees for police services.

8 (a) Prohibition.--A municipality shall not charge a fee for
9 or seek reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result
10 of municipal police responding to a motor vehicle accident,
11 including, but not limited to, costs incurred for labor,
12 materials, supplies or equipment used or provided in the
13 response.

14 ~~(b) Limitation. Subsection EXCEPT FOR THOSE FEES OR CHARGES~~ ←
15 ~~AUTHORIZED IN STATE LAW OR ARISING FROM ACCIDENT REPORTING OR~~

1 ~~OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FEES RELATED TO ACCIDENT REPORTING,~~
2 ~~SUBSECTION (a) shall not be construed or applied to authorize~~
3 ~~the imposition of any other fee by a municipality.~~

4 (B) LIMITATION.--SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO <—
5 AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF ANY FEE OTHER THAN THOSE FEES OR
6 CHARGES FOR FURNISHING COPIES OR REPORTS UNDER 75 PA.C.S § 3751
7 (RELATING TO REPORTS BY POLICE) IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FOR RECOVERY OF THE ACTUAL
9 COSTS IN FURNISHING COPIES OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
10 SEPARATE FROM THAT PROVIDED IN 75 PA.C.S. § 3751 AND ANY OTHER
11 FEES OR CHARGES AUTHORIZED IN STATE LAW.

12 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
13 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
14 subsection:

15 "Municipal police." A public agency of a municipality having
16 general police powers and charged with making arrests in
17 connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws.
18 The term shall include any regional police department from which
19 the municipality receives police services or any police
20 department which provides the municipality with police services
21 pursuant to agreement or contract.

22 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
23 township or home rule municipality.

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