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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring the development and  
3 implementation of a Statewide Traffic and Weather Alert  
4 System; defining "emergency and weather operations,"  
5 "incident management," "traffic and roadway monitoring,"  
6 "traffic management," and "traveler information and  
7 dissemination"; and further providing for powers and duties.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 7102 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:  
12 § 7102. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall  
14 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
15 meanings given to them in this section:

1 \* \* \*

2 "Emergency and weather operations." The term includes, but  
3 shall not be limited to, surveillance, monitoring, traffic  
4 control and response and recovery and evacuation procedures.

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6 "Incident management." The term includes, but shall not be  
7 limited to, the surveillance, detection and management of  
8 disaster emergencies, emergency services and local emergencies  
9 as defined by this part.

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11 "Traffic and roadway monitoring." The term includes, but  
12 shall not be limited to, closed-caption cameras, permanent  
13 message signs, traffic surveillance, deployed road closure  
14 systems and roadway congestion.

15 "Traffic management." The term includes, but shall not be  
16 limited to, surveillance, road and ramp closures, ramp control,  
17 lane management, signal coordination and control, priority  
18 access routes and emergency evacuation.

19 "Traveler information and dissemination." The term includes,  
20 but shall not be limited to, roadway information, a 511 traveler  
21 information system, highway advisory radio and a permanent  
22 dynamic message service.

23 \* \* \*

24 Section 2. Section 7313(6) of Title 35 is amended to read:

25 § 7313. Powers and duties.

26 The agency shall have the following powers and duties:

27 \* \* \*

28 (6) To supply appropriate Commonwealth and local  
29 agencies and officials and the general public with  
30 precautionary notices, watches and warnings relating to

1 actual and potential disasters and to provide a flow of  
2 official information and instructions to the general public  
3 through all means available before, during and after an  
4 emergency. The agency shall, in conjunction with the  
5 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the  
6 Pennsylvania State Police, establish, coordinate and  
7 implement an Intelligent Transportation Systems and  
8 Operations Program that incorporates a 24-hour-a-day, 365-  
9 days-a-year, real-time program which shall include, but not  
10 be limited to, traffic and roadway monitoring, incident  
11 management, traveler information and dissemination, traffic  
12 management and emergency and weather operations. The agency  
13 shall implement a program of integrated flood warning systems  
14 among political subdivisions. The agency shall establish  
15 coordinated flood notification and early warning systems  
16 along prescribed major river basins and selected tributaries  
17 thereof in this Commonwealth. The council shall oversee the  
18 implementation of this program and review its operations  
19 every calendar quarter and shall make recommendations to the  
20 General Assembly every year.

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22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.