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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1298** Session of  
2008

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FERLO, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, RHOADES AND WONDERLING,  
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REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for antitheft devices.

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

5 Section 1. Section 1799.1 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 1799.1. Antitheft devices.

8 (a) General rule.--All insurance companies authorized to  
9 write private passenger automobile insurance within this  
10 Commonwealth shall provide premium discounts for motor vehicles  
11 with passive antitheft devices and vehicle recovery devices.  
12 These discounts shall apply to the comprehensive coverage and  
13 shall be approved by the commissioner as part of the insurer's  
14 rate filing, provided that such discounts shall not be less than  
15 10% for passive antitheft devices and not less than 10% for  
16 vehicle recovery devices. Some or all of the premium discounts  
17 required by this subsection may be omitted upon demonstration to

1 the commissioner in an insurer's rate filing that the discounts  
2 are duplicative of other discounts provided by the insurer.

3 (b) Definitions.--As used in this subsection, the following  
4 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
5 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Passive antitheft device." Any item or system installed in  
7 an automobile which is activated automatically when the operator  
8 turns the ignition key to the off position and which is designed  
9 to prevent unauthorized use, as prescribed by regulations of the  
10 commissioner. The term does not include an ignition interlock  
11 provided as a standard antitheft device by the original  
12 automobile manufacturer.

13 "Vehicle recovery device." An electronic unit installed in a  
14 vehicle that is activated after the vehicle is stolen, which,  
15 when activated, provides information to law enforcement  
16 officials or another public or private entity regarding the  
17 vehicle's location, as prescribed by regulations of the  
18 commissioner.

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