

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 307 Session of 2009

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VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones by drivers  
3 of school buses and school vehicles.

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

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

8 § 3316. Prohibiting use of mobile telephones by drivers of  
9 school bus and school vehicle.

10 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), no  
11 driver shall operate a school bus or school vehicle on a highway  
12 of this Commonwealth, which shall include Federal, State and  
13 municipal highways, while using a mobile telephone.

14 (b) Exception.--This section shall not apply to a school bus  
15 parked in a safe area off of a trafficway as defined in section  
16 102 (relating to definitions).

1     (c) Defense.--It shall be a defense to a prosecution brought  
2 for a violation of this section that the driver had reason to  
3 fear for the driver's safety, was reporting a traffic accident  
4 or was making a "911" emergency call.

5     (d) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a  
6 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay  
7 a fine of \$250.

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