

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1800 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, GEIST, MARKOSEK, BAKER, BEAR, BEYER, BROOKS, CREIGHTON, DALLY, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, FRANKEL, GERGELY, GROVE, HARPER, HELM, KNOWLES, KORTZ, MAJOR, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, CAUSER AND FLECK, JUNE 30, 2009

SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 9, 2010

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing FOR VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM  
3 REGISTRATION, for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles  
4 from fees AND FOR GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER VEHICLES  
5 TRANSPORTING SCHOOL CHILDREN. ←

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 ~~Section 1. Section 1901(c)(16) of Title 75 of the~~ ←  
9 ~~Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

10 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1302(11), 1901(C)(16) AND 4553(B) OF ←  
11 TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED  
12 TO READ:

13 § 1302. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION.

14 THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION:

15 \* \* \*

16 (11) ANY TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER, INCLUDING BUT NOT

1 LIMITED TO NON-SELF-PROPELLED SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT AND  
2 AMUSEMENT RIDES CONSTRUCTED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE  
3 TRAILER CHASSIS TO CREATE A SINGLE UNIT, TO BE USED PRIMARILY  
4 FOR OFF HIGHWAY USE AND ONLY OPERATED INCIDENTALLY UPON THE  
5 HIGHWAY.

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7 § 1901. Exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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9 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No  
10 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any  
11 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to  
12 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the  
13 registration:

14 \* \* \*

15 (16) Any person who is retired and receiving social  
16 security or other pension and whose total annual income does  
17 not exceed \$19,200. Unless the retired person is physically  
18 or mentally incapable of driving the vehicle, the retired  
19 person shall be the principal driver of the vehicle but may  
20 from time to time authorize another person to drive the  
21 vehicle in his or her stead. For purposes of this paragraph,  
22 the term "income" shall not include a stipend received from  
23 the Federal Government under the American Recovery and  
24 Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115).

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26 § 4553. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER VEHICLES TRANSPORTING  
27 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

28 \* \* \*

29 (B) SCHOOL-CHARTERED BUS.--IN ADDITION TO SCHOOL BUSES,  
30 SCHOOL-CHARTERED BUSES, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT 16 OR



1 MORE PASSENGERS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER, AND WHICH ARE OPERATED BY  
2 A PERSON HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC  
3 UTILITY COMMISSION OR THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, MAY BE  
4 USED UNDER A SHORT-TERM CONTRACT WITH A SCHOOL WHICH HAS  
5 ACQUIRED THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE VEHICLE AT A FIXED CHARGE TO  
6 [PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION OF] TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN TO A  
7 [SPECIAL] SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT, PROVIDED THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT  
8 USED TO TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OR FROM THEIR RESIDENCES OR  
9 DESIGNATED BUS STOPS. A SCHOOL-CHARTERED VEHICLE MAY BE USED  
10 WITHOUT RESTRICTION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN  
11 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE REASONABLE  
12 ACCOMMODATIONS PURSUANT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
13 OF 1990 (PUBLIC LAW 101-336, 104 STAT. 327).

14 \* \* \*

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~. AS  
16 FOLLOWS:

17 (1) THE AMENDMENT OF 75 PA.C.S. § 4553(B) SHALL TAKE  
18 EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

19 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
20 IMMEDIATELY.

