

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 869 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, AUMENT, BARBIN, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROOKS, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CHRISTIANA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DAY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, M. K. KELLER, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, O'NEILL, PARKER, PAYNE, PETRI, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, SCAVELLO, K. SMITH, STABACK, TAYLOR, THOMAS, TOOHIL, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, KULA, MICOZZIE, CARROLL, FABRIZIO, PEIFER, DENLINGER, MILNE, MURT, FARRY, GILLESPIE, D. COSTA, HELM AND CUTLER, MARCH 1, 2011

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 29, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for drivers in funeral
3 processions AND FOR USE AND DISPLAY OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS. ←

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

6 Section 1. Section 3107 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 3107. Drivers in funeral processions.

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10 (b.1) Visual signals authorized.--Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this title to the contrary, a funeral director or
12 the director's representative may display flashing or revolving
13 purple lights on any funeral processional vehicle which is being

1 driven in a funeral procession.

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3 ~~SECTION 2. SECTION 4307(A) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ:~~ ←

4 ~~§ 4307. USE AND DISPLAY OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS.~~

5 ~~(A) [GENERAL RULE. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS~~
6 ~~SECTION, NO VEHICLE SHALL BEAR OR DISPLAY ANY ILLUMINATED SIGNS,~~
7 ~~LETTERS, NUMERALS OR FIGURES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER.]~~
8 SPECIFICATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS.

9 ~~(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ANY~~
10 ~~LIGHTED LAMP OR ILLUMINATING DEVICE UPON A MOTOR VEHICLE,~~
11 ~~OTHER THAN HEAD LAMPS, SPOT LAMPS, AUXILIARY LAMPS, FLASHING~~
12 ~~TURN SIGNALS, EMERGENCY VEHICLE WARNING LAMPS AND SCHOOL BUS~~
13 ~~WARNING LAMPS, WHICH PROJECTS A BEAM OF LIGHT OF AN INTENSITY~~
14 ~~NOT GREATER THAN 100 CANDELA:~~

15 ~~(I) SHALL BE SO DIRECTED THAT NO PART OF THE HIGH~~
16 ~~INTENSITY PORTION OF THE BEAM WILL STRIKE THE LEVEL OF~~
17 ~~THE ROADWAY ON WHICH THE VEHICLE STANDS AT A DISTANCE OF~~
18 ~~MORE THAN 75 FEET FROM THE VEHICLE.~~

19 ~~(II) SHALL MEASURE NOT GREATER THAN A FIVE AND ONE~~
20 ~~HALF INCH WIDTH BY FOUR AND ONE HALF INCH HEIGHT OR FIVE~~
21 ~~INCH CIRCUMFERENCE FOR ROUND VERSIONS AND BE LOCATED IN~~
22 ~~REAR CORNER OR REAR SIDE CORNER WINDOWS ONLY AS NOT TO~~
23 ~~OBSTRUCT THE DRIVER'S VIEW.~~

24 ~~(2) FLASHING LIGHTS ARE PROHIBITED ON MOTOR VEHICLES,~~
25 ~~MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR DRAWN VEHICLES EXCEPT AS A MEANS FOR~~
26 ~~INDICATING A RIGHT OR LEFT TURN.~~

27 ~~(3) NO PERSON SHALL DRIVE OR MOVE UPON ANY HIGHWAY ANY~~
28 ~~VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT WITH ANY LAMP OR DEVICE THAT DISPLAYS A~~
29 ~~RED LIGHT VISIBLE FROM DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CENTER OF THE~~
30 ~~VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT.~~

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2 SECTION 2. SECTION 4307(G) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED AND THE
3 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

4 § 4307. USE AND DISPLAY OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS.

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6 (F.1) ILLUMINATED DECAL.--A VEHICLE MAY DISPLAY A SINGLE
7 ILLUMINATED DECAL IN THE CORNER OF THE REAR WINDOW SO AS NOT TO
8 INTERFERE WITH THE DRIVER OR UNDULY DISTRACT A DRIVER OF ANOTHER
9 VEHICLE UPON THE HIGHWAY OR TRAFFICWAY.

10 (G) [DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "FOOD
11 DELIVERY VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE ENGAGED IN THE TRANSPORTATION
12 OR CONVEYANCE OF FOOD PRODUCTS OR ITEMS FROM THEIR PLACE OF
13 ORIGIN OR PRODUCTION TO A PLACE OF DELIVERY, WHICH VEHICLE MAY
14 MAKE INTERMITTENT STOPS THAT ARE CUSTOMARY IN THE ROUTINE
15 CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION OCCURS.]

16 DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND
17 PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION
18 UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

19 "FOOD DELIVERY VEHICLE." A VEHICLE ENGAGED IN THE
20 TRANSPORTATION OR CONVEYANCE OF FOOD PRODUCTS OR ITEMS FROM
21 THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN OR PRODUCTION TO A PLACE OF DELIVERY. THE
22 VEHICLE MAY MAKE INTERMITTENT STOPS THAT ARE CUSTOMARY IN THE
23 ROUTINE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION
24 OCCURS.

25 "ILLUMINATED DECAL." A BATTERY-POWERED DEVICE MEASURING NO
26 GREATER THAN SIX INCHES IN WIDTH AND SIX INCHES IN HEIGHT WITH
27 AN ILLUMINATION SOURCE NOT DESIGNED TO PROJECT LIGHT BEYOND THE
28 VEHICLE, BUT ONLY TO PROVIDE BACKLIGHTING FOR A GRAPHIC.

29 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.