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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for driving on right side of
3 roadway, for overtaking vehicle on the left, for no-passing
4 zones, for driving on roadways laned for traffic, for
5 required position and method of turning and for minimum speed
6 regulation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 3301 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 § 3301. Driving on right side of roadway.

12 (a) General rule.--Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a
13 vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway
14 except as follows:

15 (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle
16 proceeding in the same direction where permitted by the rules
17 governing such movement.

18 (2) When [an obstruction] a condition exists making it
19 necessary to drive to the left of the center of the roadway,
20 provided the driver yields the right-of-way to all vehicles

1 traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed
2 portion of the roadway within such distance as to constitute
3 a hazard.

4 (3) When and where official traffic-control devices are
5 in place designating a lane or lanes to the left side of the
6 center of the roadway for the movement indicated by the
7 devices.

8 (4) Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic.

9 (5) When making a left turn as provided in sections 3322
10 (relating to vehicle turning left) and 3331 (relating to
11 required position and method of turning).

12 (6) In accordance with section 3303(a)(3) (relating to
13 overtaking vehicle on the left).

14 (b) Vehicle proceeding at less than normal speed.--

15 (1) Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less
16 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and
17 under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the
18 right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as
19 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,
20 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
21 in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an
22 intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway.

23 (2) This subsection does not apply to [a]:

24 (i) A driver who must necessarily drive in a lane
25 other than the right-hand lane to continue on his
26 intended route.

27 (ii) Pedalcycles operating in accordance with
28 Chapter 35 (relating to special vehicles and
29 pedestrians).

30 (iii) Pedalcycles using any portion of the available

1 roadway due to unsafe surface conditions.

2 (iv) Pedalcycles on a roadway having width for not
3 more than one lane of traffic in each direction.

4 Section 2. Section 3303(a) of Title 75 is amended by adding
5 a paragraph to read:

6 § 3303. Overtaking vehicle on the left.

7 (a) General rule.--The following rules shall govern the
8 overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same
9 direction, subject to the limitations, exceptions and special
10 rules stated in this chapter:

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12 (3) The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a
13 pedalcycle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the
14 left of the pedalcycle in a lane adjacent to that of the
15 pedalcycle if possible in accordance with section 3305
16 (relating to limitations on overtaking on the left) or within
17 not less than four feet at a careful and prudent reduced
18 speed.

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20 Section 3. Sections 3307(c) and 3309 of Title 75 are amended
21 to read:

22 § 3307. No-passing zones.

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24 (c) Application of section.--This section does not apply
25 [under]:

26 (1) Under the conditions described in section 3301(a)(2)
27 and (5) (relating to driving on right side of roadway).

28 (2) To overtaking pedalcycles in accordance with
29 sections 3303(a)(3) (relating to overtaking vehicle on the
30 left) and 3305 (relating to limitations on overtaking on the

1 left).

2 § 3309. Driving on roadways laned for traffic.

3 (a) General rule.--Whenever any roadway has been divided
4 into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic the following
5 rules in addition to all others not inconsistent therewith shall
6 apply:

7 (1) Driving within single lane.--A vehicle shall be
8 driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane
9 and shall not be moved from the lane until the driver has
10 first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety.

11 (2) Three lane roadways.--Upon a roadway which is
12 divided into three lanes and provides for two-way movement of
13 traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane
14 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling
15 in the same direction when the center lane is clear of
16 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for making
17 a left turn, or where the center lane is allocated
18 exclusively to traffic moving in the same direction that the
19 vehicle is proceeding and the allocation is designated by
20 official traffic-control devices.

21 (3) Lanes limited to specific use.--Official traffic-
22 control devices may be erected to restrict the use of
23 specified lanes to specified classes or types of traffic or
24 vehicles, including multioccupant vehicles or car pools, and
25 drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such
26 device.

27 (4) Prohibitions against changing lanes.--Official
28 traffic-control devices may be installed prohibiting the
29 changing of lanes on a section of roadway and drivers of
30 vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

1 (b) Application of section.--This section does not apply to
2 overtaking pedalcycles in accordance with sections 3303(a)(3)
3 (relating to overtaking vehicle on the left) and 3305 (relating
4 to limitations on overtaking on the left)).

5 Section 4. Section 3331 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
6 subsection to read:

7 § 3331. Required position and method of turning.

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9 (e) Interference with pedalcycles.--No turn by a driver of a
10 motor vehicle shall interfere with a pedalcycle proceeding
11 straight while operating in accordance with Chapter 35 (relating
12 to special vehicles and pedestrians)).

13 Section 5. Section 3364(b) of Title 75 is amended and the
14 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

15 § 3364. Minimum speed regulation.

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17 (b) Slow moving vehicle to drive off roadway.--Except when
18 reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance
19 with law, whenever any person drives a motor vehicle upon a
20 roadway having width for not more than one lane of traffic in
21 each direction at less than the maximum posted speed and at such
22 a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of
23 traffic, the driver shall, at the first opportunity when and
24 where it is reasonable and safe to do so and after giving
25 appropriate signal, drive completely off the roadway and onto
26 the berm or shoulder of the highway. The driver may return to
27 the roadway after giving appropriate signal only when the
28 movement can be made in safety and so as not to impede the
29 normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

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1 (d) Application of section.--This section does not apply to
2 pedalcycles operating in accordance with Chapter 35 (relating to
3 special vehicles and pedestrians).

4 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.