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AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for 2 definitions; in operation of vehicles, further providing for 3 traffic-control signals and for pedestrian-control signals; 4 and, in special vehicles and pedestrians, further providing 5 for right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks. 6 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 8 9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania 10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read: 11 § 102. Definitions. Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent 12
- 13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
- 16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:
- 17 * * *
- 18 "Half of the roadway." All traffic lanes conveying traffic

- 1 in one direction of travel and the entire width of a one-way
- 2 roadway.
- 3 * * *
- 4 Section 2. Section 3112(a) of Title 75 is amended by adding
- 5 a paragraph and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
- 6 read:
- 7 § 3112. Traffic-control signals.
- 8 (a) General rule. -- Whenever traffic is controlled by
- 9 traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or
- 10 colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
- 11 combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be
- 12 used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word
- 13 legend, and the lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of
- 14 vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
- 15 * * *
- 16 (4) Pedestrians lawfully within intersection or adjacent
- 17 crosswalk. -- The driver of a vehicle required to yield the
- 18 right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection
- or an adjacent crosswalk shall stop and remain stopped for a
- 20 pedestrian crossing a roadway at a crosswalk when the
- 21 pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of, the half of the
- 22 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it
- is turning.
- 24 * * *
- 25 (d) Penalties.--A driver of a vehicle who violates this
- 26 section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be
- 27 <u>sentenced to pay:</u>
- 28 (1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of
- 29 \$50.
- 30 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not

- 1 <u>less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as</u>
- 2 <u>defined and established under regulations of the department.</u>
- 3 Section 3. Section 3113(c) of Title 75 is amended and the
- 4 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 5 § 3113. Pedestrian-control signals.
- 6 * * *
- 7 (a.1) Duty of driver.--The driver of a vehicle required to
- 8 <u>yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian under subsection (a)(1),</u>
- 9 (3) or (4) shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian
- 10 to cross the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is
- 11 upon, or within one lane of, the half of the roadway upon which
- 12 the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning.
- 13 * * *
- 14 (c) Penalties.--[The driver of a vehicle who violates
- 15 subsection (a) commits a summary offense and, upon conviction,
- 16 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. This subsection] \underline{A}
- 17 driver of a vehicle who violates this section commits a summary
- 18 offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay:
- 19 <u>(1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of</u>
- 20 \$50.
- 21 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not
- 22 less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as
- defined and established under regulations of the department.
- 24 (d) Applicability. -- Subsection (c) shall not apply to those
- 25 municipalities that establish a summary offense as authorized
- 26 under subsection (b) with a fine in excess of \$50.
- Section 4. Section 3542(a) and (e) of Title 75 are amended
- 28 to read:
- 29 § 3542. Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks.
- 30 (a) General rule.--When traffic-control signals are not in

- 1 place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield
- 2 the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any
- 3 marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an
- 4 intersection. The driver of a vehicle shall stop and remain
- 5 stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a
- 6 marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an
- 7 <u>intersection when the pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of,</u>
- 8 the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or
- 9 onto which it is turning.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (e) Penalties.--[The driver of a vehicle who violates
- 12 subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon
- 13 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.] A driver of a
- 14 vehicle who violates this section commits a summary offense and
- 15 <u>shall</u>, <u>upon conviction</u>, <u>be sentenced to pay:</u>
- (1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of
- 17 \$50.
- 18 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not
- less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as
- defined and established under regulations of the department.
- 21 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.