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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for the
3 definition of "emergency vehicle."

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
7 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
8 amended to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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16 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
17 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
18 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic

1 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
2 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
3 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
4 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
5 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
6 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
7 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
8 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
9 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
10 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
11 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
12 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
13 for police transport or victim extraction, any vehicle operated
14 by a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
15 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
16 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
17 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
18 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
19 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
20 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
21 vehicle owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike
22 Commission that is used by an emergency service responder as
23 dispatched by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic
24 operations center, or any other vehicle designated by the State
25 Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of emergency
26 vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned
27 vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by any of
28 the following:

29 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

30 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire

1 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
2 assistant chief.

3 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.

4 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
5 commander.

6 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

7 (6) A county emergency management coordinator or local
8 emergency coordinator.

9 (7) A fire marshal.

10 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

11 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
12 hazardous materials response team.

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