
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 257 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, READSHAW, MOUL, CALTAGIRONE, ZIMMERMAN
AND GABLER, JANUARY 31, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 31, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled
4 substance.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1547(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended May 25, 2016 (P.L.236, No.33), is
9 amended to read:

10 § 1547. Chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or
11 controlled substance.

12 (a) General rule.--Any person who drives, operates or is in
13 actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle in this
14 Commonwealth shall be deemed to have given consent to one or
15 more chemical tests of breath or blood for the purpose of
16 determining the alcoholic content of blood or the presence of a
17 controlled substance if [a police officer has reasonable grounds
18 to believe the person to have been driving, operating or in
19 actual physical control of the movement of a vehicle:

1 (1) in violation of section 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to
2 driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked),
3 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or
4 controlled substance) or 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally
5 operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition
6 interlock); or

7 (2) which was involved in an accident in which the
8 operator or passenger of any vehicle involved or a pedestrian
9 required treatment at a medical facility or was killed.] one
10 of the following applies:

11 (1) A police officer has reasonable grounds to believe
12 the person to have been driving, operating or in actual
13 physical control of the movement of a vehicle in violation
14 of:

15 (i) section 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to driving while
16 operating privilege is suspended or revoked);

17 (ii) section 3802 (relating to driving under
18 influence of alcohol or controlled substance); or

19 (iii) section 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally
20 operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition
21 interlock).

22 (2) The person was driving, operating or in actual
23 physical control of the movement of a vehicle which was
24 involved in an accident in which the operator or passenger of
25 any vehicle involved or a pedestrian required treatment at a
26 medical facility or was killed.

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28 Section 2. The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1547(a) shall apply
29 to a person driving, operating or in actual physical control of
30 the movement of a vehicle in this Commonwealth on or after the

1 effective date of this section.

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