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AN ACT

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

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,  
8 amended July 8, 2016 (P.L.477, No.75), is 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, a vehicle that is  
14 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a  
15 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a  
16 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to  
17 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured  
18 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by  
19 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or  
20 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as  
21 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned  
22 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established  
23 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking  
24 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57  
25 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a  
26 vehicle owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike  
27 Commission that is used by an emergency service responder as  
28 dispatched by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic  
29 operations center, a vehicle owned and operated by the Salvation  
30 Army and used for emergency disaster services or any other

1 vehicle designated by the State Police under section 6106  
2 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania  
3 State Police), or a privately owned vehicle used in answering an  
4 emergency call when used by any of the following:

5 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

6 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire  
7 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third  
8 assistant chief.

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

10 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant  
11 commander.

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

13 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

14 (7) A fire marshal.

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

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

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