

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 898 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, EICHELBERGER, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, McILHINNEY, WARD AND STEFANO, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JANUARY 30, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for
3 restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4902(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 4902. Restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

9 (a) Restrictions based on condition of highway or bridge.--

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11 ~~(2.1) Vehicles operated by municipalities, local~~ <--
12 ~~authorities and persons under contract with municipalities or~~
13 ~~local authorities for road maintenance or construction, while~~
14 ~~maintaining or constructing municipal roads, shall be exempt~~
15 ~~from restrictions on the use of highways imposed under this~~
16 ~~subsection. Municipalities and local authorities shall have~~
17 ~~the power to determine which vehicles are exempt under this~~
18 ~~paragraph. Any vehicle exempt under this paragraph shall,~~

1 ~~while maintaining or constructing municipal roads, carry~~  
2 ~~written documentation signed by an official of the~~  
3 ~~municipality or local authority that specifically identifies~~  
4 ~~the vehicle as exempt under this paragraph.~~

5 (2.1) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY: <--

6 (I) VEHICLES OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL  
7 AUTHORITIES FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE  
8 EXEMPT FROM RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF HIGHWAYS IMPOSED  
9 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WHILE MAINTAINING OR CONSTRUCTING  
10 MUNICIPAL ROADS.

11 (II) VEHICLES OPERATED BY PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT  
12 WITH MUNICIPALITIES OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR ROAD  
13 MAINTENANCE SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE  
14 OF HIGHWAYS IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WHILE  
15 MAINTAINING MUNICIPAL ROADS IF AUTHORIZED BY THE  
16 MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY. ANY VEHICLE DEEMED  
17 EXEMPT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL, WHILE MAINTAINING  
18 MUNICIPAL ROADS, CARRY WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION SIGNED BY AN  
19 OFFICIAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITY THAT  
20 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIES THE VEHICLE AS EXEMPT.

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