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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 definitions of "emergency service responder" and "emergency
4 vehicle"; and, in other required equipment, further providing
5 for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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

8 Section 1. The definitions of "emergency service responder"
9 and "emergency vehicle" in section 102 of Title 75 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
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:

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18 "Emergency service responder." An individual acting in an
19 official capacity as any of the following:

- 1 (1) A police officer.
- 2 (2) A sheriff or deputy sheriff.
- 3 (3) A coroner or deputy coroner.
- 4 (4) A firefighter.
- 5 (5) Fire police.
- 6 (6) A fire marshal.
- 7 (7) A medical examiner or deputy medical examiner.
- 8 (8) Rescue personnel.
- 9 (9) Ambulance personnel.
- 10 (10) Towing and recovery personnel.
- 11 (11) Highway maintenance and construction personnel.
- 12 (12) Hazardous material response team member.
- 13 (13) Emergency medical services personnel.
- 14 (14) Contractors or employees of a public utility as
- 15 defined under 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), a
- 16 municipally owned utility or an electric cooperative as
- 17 defined in 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73 (relating to electric
- 18 cooperative corporations).

19 (15) A police officer who is also a member of a county
20 or regional municipal special emergency response team which
21 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
22 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

23 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
24 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
25 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
26 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
27 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
28 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
29 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
30 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a

1 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
2 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
3 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
4 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
5 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
6 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
7 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
8 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
9 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a
10 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a
11 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
12 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
13 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
14 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.

8 (7) A fire marshal.

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

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

12 (10) A police officer who is also a member of a county
13 or regional municipal special emergency response team which
14 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
15 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

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17 Section 2. Section 4571(f) of Title 75 is amended and the
18 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

19 § 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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21 (b.2) Police officer special emergency response team
22 members.--A privately owned vehicle used in responding to an
23 emergency under 42 Pa.C.S. § 8953 (relating to Statewide
24 municipal police jurisdiction) by a police officer who is also a
25 member of a county or regional special emergency response team
26 shall be equipped with revolving or flashing red lights and an
27 audible warning system in accordance with subsection (a) subject
28 to the lights and audible warning system being returned to the
29 head of the special emergency response team upon termination of
30 a person's active status as a police officer or active member of

1 a special emergency response team.

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3 (f) Conformity with department regulations.--Except as
4 provided under [subsection] subsections (b.1)(1.1) and (b.2),
5 all equipment authorized or required by this section shall
6 conform to department regulations.

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