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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for  
3 Medical Advisory Board.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1517 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1517. Medical Advisory Board.

9 (a) Membership.--There shall be a Medical Advisory Board  
10 consisting of [13] members appointed by the secretary. The board  
11 shall be composed of an authorized representative from the  
12 Department of Transportation, Department of Justice, Governor's  
13 Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Department of Health,  
14 Pennsylvania State Police and professionals as follows: One  
15 neurologist, one doctor of cardiovascular disease, one doctor of  
16 internal medicine, one general practitioner, one  
17 ophthalmologist, one psychiatrist, one orthopedic surgeon [and],

1 one optometrist and one certified driving rehabilitation  
2 specialist.

3 (b) Duties.--The board may advise the department and review  
4 regulations proposed by the department concerning physical and  
5 mental criteria including vision standards relating to the  
6 licensing of drivers under the provisions of this chapter.

7 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
8 "certified driving rehabilitation specialist" means an  
9 individual who plans, develops, coordinates and implements  
10 driver rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities  
11 and is certified by a national organization that assesses  
12 knowledge and skills in the services.

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