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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of  
3 vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized  
4 persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in  
5 organized motorcycle processions; in rules of the road in  
6 general, further providing for following too closely; in  
7 inspection of vehicles, further providing for inspection by  
8 police or Commonwealth personnel; and, in enforcement,  
9 further providing for investigation by police officers.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 3102(2) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
13 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

14 § 3102. Obedience to authorized persons directing traffic.

15 No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any  
16 lawful order or direction of:

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18 (2) any appropriately attired person, including an agent  
19 or employee of the funeral director during a funeral or a  
20 designated member of an organized motorcycle procession under

1 section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in organized motorcycle  
2 processions), authorized to direct, control or regulate  
3 traffic;

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5 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
6 § 3107.1. Drivers in organized motorcycle processions.

7 (a) General rule.--The driver of a vehicle or motorcycle  
8 that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession may:

9 (1) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of this  
10 part.

11 (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if  
12 the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started  
13 through the intersection while the signal indicator was green  
14 or, in the case of a stop sign, the lead vehicle or  
15 motorcycle first came to a complete stop before proceeding  
16 through the intersection.

17 (b) Visual signals required.--The privileges granted under  
18 this section shall apply only if the lead and trailing vehicle  
19 or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped  
20 with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps  
21 and emergency flashers. All participants are required to have  
22 lighted head lamps and emergency flashers.

23 (c) Visual signals authorized.--A motorcycle driven in an  
24 organized motorcycle procession may bear a yellow bandana or  
25 cloth of at least two square feet which is tied to the  
26 motorcycle mirror, handlebars or similar frontal area for the  
27 purpose of designating the motorcycle as part of the procession.

28 (d) Right-of-way to emergency vehicles.--This section does  
29 not relieve the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle which is being  
30 driven in an organized motorcycle procession from yielding the

1 right-of-way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible and  
2 visual signals or from the duty to drive with due regard for the  
3 safety of all persons.

4 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
5 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
6 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Organized motorcycle procession." A group of motorcycle  
8 drivers participating in an organized motorcycle ride in  
9 accordance with the laws of this Commonwealth.

10 Section 3. Sections 3310(c), 4704(a)(2) and 6308(b) of Title  
11 75 are amended to read:

12 § 3310. Following too closely.

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14 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--Upon any roadway outside of an  
15 urban district, motor vehicles being driven in a caravan or  
16 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so  
17 operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or  
18 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to  
19 enter and occupy space without danger. This subsection does not  
20 apply to funeral processions under section 3107 (relating to  
21 drivers in funeral processions) or organized motorcycle  
22 processions under section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in  
23 organized motorcycle processions), which shall not be  
24 interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.

25 § 4704. Inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel.

26 (a) Authority to inspect.--

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28 (2) Systematic vehicle inspection programs.--Any  
29 Pennsylvania State Police officer or qualified Commonwealth  
30 employee engaged in a systematic vehicle inspection program

1 may inspect any vehicle, driver, documents, equipment and  
2 load to determine whether they meet standards established in  
3 department regulations. A systematic vehicle inspection  
4 program shall not be based on stopping only a particular type  
5 of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.  
6 Notwithstanding this subsection, a systematic vehicle  
7 inspection program may stop only commercial motor vehicles,  
8 as defined in section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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10 § 6308. Investigation by police officers.

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12 (b) Authority of police officer.--Whenever a police officer  
13 is engaged in a systematic program of checking vehicles or  
14 drivers or has reasonable suspicion that a violation of this  
15 title is occurring or has occurred, he may stop a vehicle, upon  
16 request or signal, for the purpose of checking the vehicle's  
17 registration, proof of financial responsibility, vehicle  
18 identification number or engine number or the driver's license,  
19 or to secure such other information as the officer may  
20 reasonably believe to be necessary to enforce the provisions of  
21 this title. A systematic program of checking vehicles or drivers  
22 shall not be based on stopping only a particular type of  
23 vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.  
24 Notwithstanding this subsection, a systematic vehicle inspection  
25 program may stop only commercial motor vehicles, as defined in  
26 section 1603 (relating to definitions).

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28 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.