
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SIMMONS, BERNSTINE, HELM, JAMES, MILLARD, FREEMAN,
BARRAR, ZIMMERMAN, CIRESI, IRVIN, YOUNGBLOOD, RADER AND
SCHMITT, MAY 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 22, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities,
3 further providing for power of Governor during emergency.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6108(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6108. Power of Governor during emergency.

9 (a) General rule.--

10 (1) In the event of a declared National, State or local
11 emergency when the Governor of this Commonwealth, under 35
12 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to general authority of Governor),
13 has made a specific determination that modification of any of
14 the provisions of this title will aid in the alleviation of
15 the stated emergency conditions, the Governor shall have the
16 power to so modify the provisions on any or all highways in
17 this Commonwealth to be effective at any or all hours of the
18 day or night with respect to any or all types or classes of

1 vehicles. Such modifications shall be specifically stated in
2 an executive order or a proclamation as provided under 35
3 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) and shall expire at the end of the
4 emergency period. No person, unless specifically exempted by
5 the terms of the declaration of emergency or by other
6 provisions of the statute or other laws, shall violate any of
7 the terms, conditions, provisions and modifications set forth
8 by the Governor.

9 (2) The Governor shall exempt persons providing the
10 following essential goods and services to hospitals under
11 paragraph (1) during an emergency period:

12 (i) Food and water.

13 (ii) Pharmaceuticals, medicine and acute care
14 supplies.

15 (iii) Durable medical equipment and surgical
16 supplies.

17 (iv) Laundry and sanitary supplies.

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