

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, HILL-EVANS, MURT, NEILSON, READSHAW, CIRESI AND McCLINTON, JUNE 27, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 27, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing
 3 for following too closely; and, in other required equipment,
 4 further providing for general requirements for school buses.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 3310 and 4552(a) of Title 75 of the
 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 3310. Following too closely.

10 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as otherwise provided in
 11 this section, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow
 12 another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent,
 13 having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic
 14 upon and the condition of the highway.

15 (b) Combinations of vehicles and trucks.--

16 (1) The driver of any motor vehicle drawing another
 17 vehicle or of any truck when traveling upon a roadway outside
 18 of an urban district and following a motor vehicle drawing
 19 another vehicle or following a truck shall, whenever

1 conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an
2 overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy the space without
3 danger[, except that this subsection does not].

4 (2) This subsection shall not be construed to prevent a
5 motor vehicle drawing another vehicle or prevent a truck from
6 overtaking and passing any vehicle or combination of
7 vehicles.

8 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--

9 (1) Upon any roadway outside of an urban district, motor
10 vehicles being driven in a caravan or motorcade, whether or
11 not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow
12 sufficient space between each vehicle or combination of
13 vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and
14 occupy space without danger.

15 (2) This subsection does not apply to funeral
16 processions, which shall not be interrupted by any vehicle
17 other than an emergency vehicle.

18 (d) School buses.--The driver of a motor vehicle shall not
19 follow a school bus more closely than 10 feet.

20 § 4552. General requirements for school buses.

21 (a) Color and identification.--

22 (1) Every school bus shall be of a uniform color scheme
23 and labeled "School Bus" on both front and rear as provided
24 by regulation.

25 (2) Exterior labels and markings other than those
26 specifically required or permitted under paragraph (3) or by
27 law or regulation shall be prohibited.

28 (3) The rear of every school bus manufactured after
29 December 31, 2019, shall have affixed to it an exterior
30 reflective label, sticker or sign stating: "At all times stay

1 back a minimum of 10 feet. It is the law."

2 (4) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit
3 the affixation of exterior labels or stickers of a temporary
4 nature which have been approved by the school district as
5 having educational value and which do not obscure the "School
6 Bus" labels.

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