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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; and, in other required equipment, further
4 providing for visual and audible signals on emergency
5 vehicles.

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

8 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
9 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
10 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 vehicle." A State or county emergency management
19 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff

1 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
2 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
3 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
4 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
5 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
6 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
7 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
8 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
9 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
10 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
11 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
12 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
13 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
14 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
15 owned and operated by a county correctional institution [in a
16 city of the first class] and used to respond to an emergency at
17 a county correctional institution [in a city of the first class]
18 or to escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
19 prisoners [in a city of the first class], any vehicle operated
20 by a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
21 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
22 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
23 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
24 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
25 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
26 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
27 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first
28 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle
29 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that
30 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the

1 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, or
2 any other vehicle designated by the State Police under section
3 6106 (relating to designation of emergency vehicles by
4 Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned vehicle used in
5 answering an emergency call when used by any of the following:

6 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

7 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
8 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
9 assistant chief.

10 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.

11 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
12 commander.

13 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

14 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

15 (7) A fire marshal.

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

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

19 (10) 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).

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24 Section 2. Section 4571(b)(1) of Title 75 is amended to
25 read:

26 § 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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28 (b) Police, sheriff, fire, county correctional institution
29 and coroner or medical examiner vehicles.--

30 (1) Police, sheriff, coroner, medical examiner, county

1 correctional institution or fire police vehicles may in
2 addition to the requirements of subsection (a) be equipped
3 with one or more revolving or flashing blue lights. The
4 combination of red and blue lights may be used only on
5 police, sheriff, coroner, medical examiner or fire police
6 vehicles. A county correctional institution vehicle may not
7 use any audible signals or warning systems.

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