
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for declaration
3 of judicial emergencies.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1533.1. Declaration of judicial emergencies.

9 (a) Judicial emergencies.--Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this chapter, upon the declaration of a judicial
11 emergency under Article V of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, a
12 law of this Commonwealth, a rule of court or other judicial
13 order by the Supreme Court or any agency or unit of the unified
14 judicial system exercising a power or performing a duty under 42
15 Pa.C.S. § 1721 (relating to delegation of powers), the
16 department shall not suspend the operating privilege of a person
17 under section 1533 (relating to suspension of operating
18 privilege for failure to respond to citation) or withhold the

1 renewal of the driver's license of a person under section
2 1503(a) (relating to persons ineligible for licensing; license
3 issuance to minors; junior driver's license), if the time period
4 for taking the action or making the payment required under
5 section 1533(a) or (b) expires during the declared judicial
6 emergency.

7 (b) Additional compliance period.--Upon the expiration of a
8 declared judicial emergency under subsection (a), a person shall
9 have an additional 30 days to take the action or make the
10 payment required under section 1533(a) or (b). If a person takes
11 the action or makes the payment required under section 1533(a)
12 or (b) within the additional 30-day time period specified under
13 this subsection, the person shall be deemed in compliance with
14 section 1533(a) or (b).

15 (c) Applicability.--

16 (1) This section shall apply to any judicial district
17 for which a judicial emergency is declared. If a Statewide
18 judicial emergency is declared, this section shall apply to
19 all judicial districts.

20 (2) This section shall be retroactive to March 18, 2020.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.