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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions.

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
7 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
8 amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to
9 read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
13 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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17 "Emergency vehicle." [A State or county emergency management
18 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 a
17 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
18 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
19 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
20 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).]

23 Any of the following:

24 (1) A State or county emergency management vehicle.

25 (2) Fire department vehicle.

26 (3) Police vehicle.

27 (4) Sheriff vehicle.

28 (5) Ambulance.

29 (6) Advanced life support squad vehicle.

30 (7) Basic life support squad vehicle.

1 (8) Emergency canteen support service organization
2 vehicle.

3 (9) Blood delivery vehicle.

4 (10) Human organ delivery vehicle.

5 (11) Hazardous material response vehicle.

6 (12) Armed forces emergency vehicle.

7 (13) One vehicle operated by a coroner or chief county
8 medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a chief deputy
9 coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner used for
10 answering emergency calls.

11 (14) A vehicle owned by or leased to a regional
12 emergency medical services council that is used as authorized
13 by the Department of Health to respond to an actual or
14 potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
15 threat to public health.

16 (15) A vehicle owned by a county or regional police
17 association and operated by a police officer that is used for
18 police transport or victim extraction.

19 (16) A vehicle that is owned and operated by a county
20 correctional institution in a city of the first class and
21 used to respond to an emergency at a correctional institution
22 in a city of the first class or to escort an ambulance which
23 is transporting sick or injured prisoners in a city of the
24 first class.

25 (17) A vehicle operated by a special agent, special
26 agent supervisor, narcotics agent or narcotics agent
27 supervisor while performing official duties as employees of
28 the Office of Attorney General.

29 (18) A vehicle owned and operated by the Philadelphia
30 Parking Authority established in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S.

1 Ch. 55 (relating to parking authorities) and used in the
2 enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57 (relating to taxicabs and
3 limousines in first class cities).

4 (19) A vehicle owned by a city of the first class and
5 operated by first judicial district certified armed probation
6 officers.

7 (20) A vehicle owned and operated by the Pennsylvania
8 Turnpike Commission that is used by an emergency service
9 responder as dispatched by the Pennsylvania Turnpike
10 Commission's traffic operations center.

11 (21) Any other vehicle designated by the State Police
12 under section 6106 (relating to designation of emergency
13 vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police).

14 (22) A privately owned vehicle used in answering an
15 emergency call when used by any of the following:

16 (i) A police chief and assistant chief.

17 (ii) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
18 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or
19 third assistant chief.

20 (iii) A fire police captain and fire police
21 lieutenant.

22 (iv) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
23 commander.

24 (v) A river rescue commander and assistant
25 commander.

26 (vi) A county emergency management coordinator.

27 (vii) A fire marshal.

28 (viii) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

29 (ix) The chief or operations director of a county
30 hazardous materials response team.

1 (x) A police officer who is also a member of a
2 county or regional municipal special emergency response
3 team which is authorized to respond to emergencies under
4 42 Pa.C.S. § 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police
5 jurisdiction).

6 (23) A privately owned vehicle of a school resource
7 officer or school police officer when used in answering an
8 emergency call at a school.

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10 "School police officer." As defined under Article XIII-C of
11 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public
12 School Code of 1949.

13 "School resource officer." As defined under Article XIII-C
14 of the Public School Code of 1949.

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