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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 1, 2021

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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; in operation of vehicles, further providing for  
4 traffic-control signals and for pedestrian-control signals;  
5 and, in special vehicles and pedestrians, further providing  
6 for right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks.

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

9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition 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 "Half of the roadway." All traffic lanes conveying traffic  
19 in one direction of travel and the entire width of a one-way

1 roadway.

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3 Section 2. Section 3112(a) of Title 75 is amended by adding  
4 a paragraph and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
5 read:

6 § 3112. Traffic-control signals.

7 (a) General rule.--Whenever traffic is controlled by  
8 traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or  
9 colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in  
10 combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be  
11 used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word  
12 legend, and the lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of  
13 vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

14 \* \* \*

15 (4) Pedestrians lawfully within intersection or adjacent  
16 crosswalk.--The driver of a vehicle required to yield the  
17 right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection  
18 or an adjacent crosswalk shall stop and remain stopped for a  
19 pedestrian crossing a roadway at a crosswalk when the  
20 pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of, the half of the  
21 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it  
22 is turning.

23 \* \* \*

24 (d) Penalties.--A driver of a vehicle who violates this  
25 section commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be  
26 sentenced to pay:

27 (1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of  
28 \$50.

29 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not  
30 less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as

1 defined and established under regulations of the department.

2 Section 3. Section 3113(c) of Title 75 is amended and the  
3 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

4 § 3113. Pedestrian-control signals.

5 \* \* \*

6 (a.1) Duty of driver.--The driver of a vehicle required to  
7 yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian under subsection (a) (1),  
8 (3) or (4) shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian  
9 to cross the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is  
10 upon, or within one lane of, the half of the roadway upon which  
11 the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning.

12 \* \* \*

13 (c) Penalties.--[The driver of a vehicle who violates  
14 subsection (a) commits a summary offense and, upon conviction,  
15 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. This subsection] A  
16 driver of a vehicle who violates this section commits a summary  
17 offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay:

18 (1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of  
19 \$50.

20 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not  
21 less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as  
22 defined and established under regulations of the department.

23 (d) Applicability.--Subsection (c) shall not apply to those  
24 municipalities that establish a summary offense as authorized  
25 under subsection (b) with a fine in excess of \$50.

26 Section 4. Section 3542(a) and (e) of Title 75 are amended  
27 to read:

28 § 3542. Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks.

29 (a) General rule.--When traffic-control signals are not in  
30 place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield

1 the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any  
2 marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an  
3 intersection. The driver of a vehicle shall stop and remain  
4 stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a  
5 marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an  
6 intersection when the pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of,  
7 the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or  
8 onto which it is turning.

9 \* \* \*

10 (e) Penalties.--[The driver of a vehicle who violates  
11 subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon  
12 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.] A driver of a  
13 vehicle who violates this section commits a summary offense and  
14 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay:

15 (1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), a fine of  
16 \$50.

17 (2) For a violation of subsection (a), a fine of not  
18 less than \$200 if the violation occurred in a school zone as  
19 defined and established under regulations of the department.

20 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.