

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2088 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY HELM, BENNINGHOFF, BOBACK, HILL-EVANS, RIGBY, STRUZZI, MILLARD, HAMM, R. MACKENZIE, M. MACKENZIE, RYAN, ORTITAY, SCHWEYER, SCHEMEL, SNYDER, WHEELAND, SANKEY, GILLEN, PICKETT, MAJOR, IRVIN, ROTHMAN, ECKER, GLEIM, COOK, McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, KAUFFMAN AND SAYLOR, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
 3 application for driver's license or learner's permit; and, in
 4 fees, further providing for certified copies of records.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1506(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1506. Application for driver's license or learner's permit.

10 (a) Form and content.--Every application for a learner's
 11 permit or driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished
 12 by the department and shall contain such information as the
 13 department may require to determine the applicant's identity,
 14 competency and eligibility. The form [may] shall also provide
 15 for inclusion of personal medical information, next of kin
 16 information and other information of use in an emergency[.], but
 17 no applicant shall be required to include personal medical

1 information, next of kin information or other information of use
2 in an emergency in the form.

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4 Section 2. Section 1956 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
5 subsection to read:

6 § 1956. Certified copies of records.

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8 (c) Reports to coroner.--The department shall create a
9 uniform process that provides coroners, as defined in section
10 1202-B of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as
11 The County Code, acting within their official duties access to
12 the following records and systems at no cost:

13 (1) Emergency contact or next of kin information
14 provided by an individual at the time of application under
15 section 1506(a) (relating to application for driver's license
16 or learner's permit).

17 (2) The Pennsylvania Justice Network.

18 (3) Any other records, including, but not limited to,
19 medical records, maintained by the department that are
20 reasonably necessary to identify next of kin or emergency
21 contacts of the deceased or to aid in the furtherance of a
22 medical death investigation. The department shall not be
23 required to provide access to records under this paragraph if
24 access is prohibited under Federal Law.

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