
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DUSH AND PITTMAN, MARCH 25, 2021

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 25, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of
3 vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized
4 persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in
5 organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road
6 in general, further providing for following too closely.

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

9 Section 1. Section 3102(2) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 § 3102. Obedience to authorized persons directing traffic.

12 No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any
13 lawful order or direction of:

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15 (2) any appropriately attired person, including an agent
16 or employee of the funeral director during a funeral or a
17 designated member of an organized motorcycle procession under
18 section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in organized motorcycle
19 processions), authorized to direct, control or regulate
20 traffic;

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2 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 3107.1. Drivers in organized motorcycle processions.

4 (a) General rule.--Except in cities of the first class and
5 second class, the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is
6 being driven in an organized motorcycle procession may:

7 (1) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of this
8 part.

9 (2) Proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if
10 the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started
11 through the intersection while the signal indicator was green
12 or, in the case of a stop sign, the lead vehicle or
13 motorcycle first came to a complete stop before proceeding
14 through the intersection.

15 (b) Visual signals required.--The privileges granted under
16 this section shall apply only if the lead and trailing vehicle
17 or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession display
18 lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. All participants are
19 required to have lighted head lamps and emergency flashers, if
20 so equipped.

21 (c) Right-of-way to emergency vehicles.--This section does
22 not relieve the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle which is being
23 driven in an organized motorcycle procession from yielding the
24 right-of-way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible and
25 visual signals or from the duty to drive with due regard for the
26 safety of all persons.

27 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
28 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
29 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

30 "Organized motorcycle procession." A group of no fewer than

1 10 motorcycle drivers, not including the lead or trailing
2 vehicle or motorcycle, that meets all of the following
3 requirements:

4 (1) The procession must be conducted between the hours
5 of 8 a.m. and sunset.

6 (2) The sponsor of the procession must notify the
7 affected municipalities of the planned procession no later
8 than 14 days before the commencement of the procession.

9 (3) The procession must be sponsored by a corporation or
10 a nonprofit organization.

11 (4) The procession must be conducted for memorial or
12 charitable purposes.

13 (5) At least 10% of the total number of motorcycle
14 drivers in the procession must wear a class 2 or higher
15 yellow reflective vest approved for use by the American
16 National Standards Institute.

17 Section 3. Section 3310(c) of Title 75 is amended to read:
18 § 3310. Following too closely.

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20 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--Upon any roadway outside of an
21 urban district, motor vehicles being driven in a caravan or
22 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so
23 operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or
24 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to
25 enter and occupy space without danger. This subsection does not
26 apply to funeral processions under section 3107 (relating to
27 drivers in funeral processions) or organized motorcycle
28 processions under section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in
29 organized motorcycle processions), which shall not be
30 interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.

1 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.