

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 257 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY DEASY, MADDEN, PROBST, BURGOS AND RABB,
MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in other required equipment, providing for student
3 driver sign.

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 § 4538. Student driver sign.

9 (a) Placement.--A student driver must place a student driver
10 sign on the rear of the vehicle that the student driver is
11 operating to alert other drivers that a student driver is
12 operating the vehicle.

13 (b) Duties of department.--The department shall do all of
14 the following:

15 (1) Produce student driver signs as follows:

16 (i) Each student driver sign shall be magnetic.

17 (ii) Each student driver sign for placement on a
18 vehicle, except a motorcycle, shall be four inches in

height by 12 inches in length.

(iii) Each student driver sign for placement on a motorcycle shall be four inches in height by four inches in length.

(2) Issue student driver signs when a learner's permit is issued to a student driver.

(3) Issue an instruction sheet for the use of the student driver sign to the student driver informing the student driver of the requirement of placing the student driver sign on the rear of the vehicle that is operated by the student driver.

(c) Cost.--The cost of a student driver sign shall be determined by the department and must be paid by the student driver at the same time as the payment of the fee for the learner's permit.

(d) Return.--A student driver sign may be returned to the department for reuse.

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

"Minor." A person under 21 years of age.

"Student driver." A minor with a valid learner's permit issued under section 1505 (relating to learners' permits).

"Student driver sign." A sign produced by the department and issued under this section.

Section 2. The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 4538 shall apply to minors who are issued a learner's permit under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1505 on or after the effective date of this section.

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