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STAATS, MOUL, ZIMMERMAN, ROWE AND LEADBETER, MARCH 16, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 16, 2023

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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 a city of the first class and a  
5 city of the second class, the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle  
6 that is 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.--

16 (1) The privileges granted under this section shall  
17 apply only if:

18 (i) the lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle in  
19 an organized motorcycle procession is equipped with and  
20 displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps and  
21 emergency flashers; and

22 (ii) all vehicles and motorcycles in the procession  
23 display lighted head lamps and emergency flashers, if so  
24 equipped.

25 (2) A motorcycle driven in an organized motorcycle  
26 procession shall bear a yellow bandana or cloth of at least  
27 two square feet that is tied to the motorcycle mirror,  
28 handlebars or similar frontal area for the purpose of  
29 designating the motorcycle as part of the procession.

30 (c) Right-of-way to emergency vehicles.--This section does

1 not relieve the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle which is being  
2 driven in an organized motorcycle procession from yielding the  
3 right-of-way to an emergency vehicle making use of audible and  
4 visual signals or from the duty to drive with due regard for the  
5 safety of all persons.

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

9 "Organized motorcycle procession." A group of no fewer than  
10 10 motorcycle drivers, not including the lead or trailing  
11 vehicle or motorcycle, that meets all of the following  
12 requirements:

13 (1) The procession is conducted between the hours of 8  
14 a.m. and sunset.

15 (2) The sponsor of the procession notifies the affected  
16 municipalities of the planned procession no later than 14  
17 days before the commencement of the procession.

18 (3) The procession is sponsored by a corporation or a  
19 nonprofit organization.

20 (4) The procession is conducted for memorial or  
21 charitable purposes.

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

26 "Participant." A motorcycle driver who participates in an  
27 organized motorcycle procession.

28 Section 3. Section 3310(c) of Title 75 is amended to read:  
29 § 3310. Following too closely.

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1 (c) Caravans and motorcades.--Upon any roadway outside of an  
2 urban district, motor vehicles being driven in a caravan or  
3 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so  
4 operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or  
5 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to  
6 enter and occupy space without danger. This subsection does not  
7 apply to funeral processions under section 3107 (relating to  
8 drivers in funeral processions) or organized motorcycle  
9 processions under section 3107.1 (relating to drivers in  
10 organized motorcycle processions), which shall not be  
11 interrupted by any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle.  
12 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.