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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 21, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general administration relating to
3 correctional institutions, providing for secure transport of
4 detained individuals or inmates.

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

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1155. Secure transport of detained individuals or inmates.

10 (a) Safety belt.--Notwithstanding subsection (b) and subject
11 to the regulations promulgated under subsection (c), a
12 transporting officer shall ensure that a detained individual or
13 inmate is secured in a vehicle with a safety seat belt system as
14 defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).

15 (b) Exception.--The requirements established under
16 subsection (a) shall not apply if a transporting officer
17 determines that securing the detained individual or inmate with
18 a safety seat belt system would place the transporting officer

1 or another individual at risk of bodily injury as defined in 18
2 Pa.C.S. § 2301 (relating to definitions) or if the detained
3 individual or inmate is being transported in a bus as defined in
4 75 Pa.C.S. § 102.

5 (c) Regulations.--Within 120 days of the effective date of
6 this subsection, the department shall promulgate regulations
7 regarding the use of a safety seat belt system when transporting
8 a detained individual or inmate, including specific provisions
9 for the transportation of a pregnant individual.

10 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the term
11 "transporting officer" shall include peace officers as defined
12 in 18 Pa.C.S. § 501 (relating to definitions) and other persons
13 authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to make arrests or
14 transport individuals under official detention as defined in 18
15 Pa.C.S. § 5121(e) (relating to escape).

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.