

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 298 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, LANGERHOLC, BOSCOLA, MARTIN, REGAN,
COLEMAN, FARRY, LAUGHLIN, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, FLYNN
AND KANE, JANUARY 31, 2023

SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 1, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in equipment standards, further providing for
3 unlawful activities; IN OTHER REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, FURTHER <--
4 PROVIDING FOR RESTRAINT SYSTEMS; and abrogating regulations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4107(a)(1) and (b) introductory paragraph
8 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are
9 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
10 read:

11 § 4107. Unlawful activities.

12 (a) Violation of vehicle equipment standards.--

13 (1) [It] Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful
14 for any person to sell, offer for sale, lease, install or
15 replace, either separately or as part of the equipment of a
16 vehicle, any item of vehicle equipment affecting the
17 operation of the vehicle which does not comply with this
18 title or regulations promulgated thereunder, or which does

not comply with an applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standard adopted by regulation by the department.

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(b) Other violations.--[It] Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

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(b.2) Vehicle doors.--If a vehicle is REGISTERED UNDER <--
SECTION 1301 (RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
REQUIRED) AND equipped from the original manufacturer with
~~manufacturer designed and installed~~ MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND <--
MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED removable doors WITH THE INTENTION TO <--
ALLOW REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION BY THE VEHICLE OWNER, that
vehicle may be operated on the roadways of this Commonwealth
with the doors removed. WHEN THE MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND <--
MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED DOORS ARE REMOVED, THE VEHICLE SHALL HAVE
SIDE MIRRORS, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER SIDE MIRRORS,
OR INSTALLED SIDE MIRRORS ATTACHED BY THE VEHICLE OWNER. This
subsection shall not limit or otherwise impact section 4534
(relating to rearview mirrors) or 4581 (relating to restraint
systems). TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 4702 (RELATING TO REQUIREMENT <--
FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES), A VEHICLE UNDER THIS
SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSPECTED WITH THE DOORS ATTACHED.

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SECTION 2. SECTION 4581(A)(2)(II) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO <--
READ:

§ 4581. RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

(A) OCCUPANT PROTECTION.--

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(II) EXCEPT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (1.1) AND
SUBPARAGRAPH (I) [, EACH]:

(A) EACH DRIVER AND FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT OF A
PASSENGER CAR, CLASS I TRUCK, CLASS II TRUCK, CLASSIC
MOTOR VEHICLE, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTOR HOME
OPERATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL WEAR A PROPERLY
ADJUSTED AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT SYSTEM.

(B) EACH DRIVER, FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT AND BACK
SEAT OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE OPERATED AS PROVIDED UNDER
SECTION 4107(B.2) (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES)
IN THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL WEAR A PROPERLY ADJUSTED
AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT SYSTEM.

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Section ~~2~~ 3. Any regulations or parts of regulations that
are inconsistent with this act are abrogated to the extent of
the inconsistency.

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Section ~~3~~ 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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