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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, MUNDY, LUCAS, SWANGER, COHEN, PETRI,  
FREEMAN, MCNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, BENNINGHOFF, GROVE, BARRAR,  
QUINN, DeLUCA, CAUSER AND MENTZER, APRIL 29, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 29, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing  
3 for speed timing devices.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3368(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3368. Speed timing devices.

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10 (c) Mechanical, electrical and electronic devices  
11 authorized.--

12 (1) [Except as otherwise provided in this section, the]  
13 The rate of speed of any vehicle may be timed on any highway  
14 by a police officer using a mechanical or electrical speed  
15 timing device.

16 (2) [Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3),  
17 electronic] Electronic devices such as radio-microwave  
18 devices (commonly referred to as electronic speed meters or

1 radar) may be used [only by members of the Pennsylvania State  
2 Police] by any police officer.

3 (3) Electronic devices which calculate speed by  
4 measuring elapsed time between measured road surface points  
5 by using two sensors and devices which measure and calculate  
6 the average speed of a vehicle between any two points may be  
7 used by any police officer.

8 (4) No person may be convicted upon evidence obtained  
9 through the use of devices authorized by paragraphs (2) and  
10 (3) unless the speed recorded is six or more miles per hour  
11 in excess of the legal speed limit. Furthermore, no person  
12 may be convicted upon evidence obtained through the use of  
13 devices authorized by paragraph (3) in an area where the  
14 legal speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour if the speed  
15 recorded is less than ten miles per hour in excess of the  
16 legal speed limit. This paragraph shall not apply to evidence  
17 obtained through the use of devices authorized by paragraph  
18 (2) or (3) within a school zone or an active work zone.

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