

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PISCIOTTANO, SANCHEZ, CIRESI AND MARSHALL,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 28, 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
19 not comply with an applicable Federal motor vehicle safety

1 standard adopted by regulation by the department.

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

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6 (b.2) Vehicle doors.--If a vehicle is registered under
7 section 1301 (relating to registration and certificate of title
8 required) and equipped from the original manufacturer with
9 manufacturer-designed and manufacturer-installed removable doors
10 with the intention to allow removal and reinstallation by the
11 vehicle owner, that vehicle may be operated on the roadways of
12 this Commonwealth with the doors removed. When the manufacturer-
13 designed and manufacturer-installed doors are removed, the
14 vehicle shall have side mirrors, including the original
15 manufacturer side mirrors, or installed side mirrors attached by
16 the vehicle owner. This subsection shall not limit or otherwise
17 impact section 4534 (relating to rearview mirrors) or 4581
18 (relating to restraint systems). To comply with section 4702
19 (relating to requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles), a
20 vehicle under this subsection shall be inspected with the doors
21 attached.

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23 Section 2. Section 4581(a)(2)(ii) of Title 75 is amended to
24 read:

25 § 4581. Restraint systems.

26 (a) Occupant protection.--

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28 (2) * * *

29 (ii) Except for children under 18 years of age and
30 except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (1.1) and

1 subparagraph (i) [~~, each~~]:

2 (A) Each driver and front seat occupant of a
3 passenger car, Class I truck, Class II truck, classic
4 motor vehicle, antique motor vehicle or motor home
5 operated in this Commonwealth shall wear a properly
6 adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system.

7 (B) Each driver, front seat occupant and back
8 seat occupant of a vehicle operated as provided under
9 section 4107(b.2) (relating to unlawful activities)
10 in this Commonwealth shall wear a properly adjusted
11 and fastened safety seat belt system.

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13 Section 3. Any regulations or parts of regulations that are
14 inconsistent with this act are abrogated to the extent of the
15 inconsistency.

16 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.