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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for heat  
3 alert system in a K-9 law enforcement vehicle.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3701.2. Heat alert system in a K-9 law enforcement vehicle.

9 (a) Requirement.--A law enforcement agency must equip each  
10 vehicle used in a K-9 law enforcement program with a heat alert  
11 system that is activated when the temperature in the vehicle's  
12 interior becomes dangerous to a police dog in the vehicle. The  
13 system, when activated, must do all of the following:

14 (1) Activate an audible alarm.

15 (2) Automatically lower at least two windows in the  
16 vehicle.

17 (3) Send an electronic message to the K-9 law  
18 enforcement officer.

1 (b) Compliance.--

2 (1) A law enforcement agency that has a K-9 law  
3 enforcement program in existence on the effective date of  
4 this section must comply with this section by January 1,  
5 2019.

6 (2) A law enforcement agency that implements a K-9 law  
7 enforcement program after December 31, 2018, must comply with  
8 this section not later than one year after the date the  
9 program begins operation.

10 (c) Applicability.--This section shall not apply to an open-  
11 air vehicle used in connection with a K-9 law enforcement  
12 program.

13 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the term "law  
14 enforcement agency" means a police department or organization of  
15 the Commonwealth or political subdivision of the Commonwealth  
16 whose members are empowered to effect an arrest with or without  
17 warrant and who are authorized to carry a firearm in the  
18 performance of those members' duties.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.