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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for private
3 driver education and training schools; imposing a penalty;
4 and making a repeal.

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

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

9 § 1508.2. Private driver education and training schools.

10 (a) General rule.--The department shall establish:

11 (1) A program to license or permit private driver
12 education schools and driver education instructors.

13 (2) The minimum standards for a driver education
14 curriculum.

15 (b) Applicability.--Unless a person has been licensed or
16 permitted by the department in accordance with subsection (a),
17 the person may not operate as a:

18 (1) Private driver education school.

19 (2) Driver education instructor.

1 (c) Driver education curriculum and testing.--The department
2 shall develop the driver education curriculum and standards for
3 testing of driver education instructors, which may include
4 provision for the following:

5 (1) An abbreviated license process for applicants who
6 previously have been licensed under the act of January 18,
7 1952 (1951 P.L.2128, No.605), referred to as the Private
8 Driver Education or Training School Act.

9 (2) An abbreviated license process for licensure as a
10 private driver education school or as a driver education
11 instructor for applicants that have been authorized to
12 administer third-party drivers' licensing exams, as permitted
13 by section 1508 (relating to examination of applicant for
14 driver's license).

15 (3) Multiple driver education instructor testing
16 locations that strategically include all regions of this
17 Commonwealth. At no point shall there be only one driver
18 education instructor testing location within this
19 Commonwealth.

20 (4) The development of an electronic version of the
21 examination required for licensure as a driver education
22 instructor.

23 (5) Prohibiting a driver education instructor from
24 administering a third-party drivers' licensing exam, as
25 permitted by section 1508, and the driver education
26 curriculum to the same prospective licensed driver.

27 (6) Requiring an applicant for licensure as a driver
28 education instructor to complete a private driver education
29 school's training program before obtaining a department-
30 issued license.

1 (7) Requiring a driver education instructor to pass a
2 physical driving examination to obtain a department-issued
3 license when the individual has an excess number of points
4 under section 1535 (relating to schedule of convictions and
5 points).

6 (d) Penalty.--Any person violating subsection (b) commits a
7 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
8 a fine of \$500.

9 (e) Applicability.--This section shall not apply to:

10 (1) colleges or universities;

11 (2) schools maintained or classes conducted by employers
12 for their own employees where no fee or tuition is charged;

13 (3) schools or classes owned and operated by or under
14 the authority of bona fide religious institutions or by the
15 Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth;

16 (4) schools accredited by accrediting associations
17 approved by the Department of Education; or

18 (5) schools licensed by the State Board of Private
19 Academic Schools.

20 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
22 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 "Department-issued license." A verifiable document issued to
24 a private driver education school or driver education instructor
25 stating the department has certified the eligibility of the
26 private driver education school or driver education instructor
27 to administer the driver education curriculum to a prospective
28 licensed driver.

29 "Driver education curriculum." A practical or theoretical
30 experience needed to teach the knowledge of how to operate a

1 motor vehicle on a roadway requiring the motorist to navigate
2 through traffic or a trafficway.

3 "Driver education instructor." A person employed by or
4 volunteering for a private driver education school and is tasked
5 with teaching a prospective licensed driver how to lawfully,
6 safely and properly operate a motor vehicle.

7 "Private driver education school." A person that administers
8 schooling or training on how to operate a motor vehicle to a
9 prospective licensed driver by the Commonwealth for profit.

10 "Prospective licensed driver." An individual who employs the
11 services of a private driver education school for the purposes
12 of learning to operate a motor vehicle.

13 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

14 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
15 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of 75
16 Pa.C.S. § 1508.2.

17 (2) The act of January 18, 1952 (1951 P.L.2128, No.605),
18 referred to as the Private Driver Education or Training
19 School Act, is repealed.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.