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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions.

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
7 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
8 amended to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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16 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
17 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
18 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic

1 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
2 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
3 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
4 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
5 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
6 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
7 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
8 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
9 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
10 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
11 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
12 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
13 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
14 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a
15 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a
16 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
17 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
18 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
19 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
20 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
21 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
22 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
23 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
24 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
25 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a
26 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first
27 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle
28 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that
29 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the
30 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, a

1 vehicle owned and operated by the Salvation Army and used for
2 emergency disaster services or any other vehicle designated by
3 the State Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of
4 emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately
5 owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by
6 any of the following:

7 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

8 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
9 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
10 assistant chief.

11 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.

12 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
13 commander.

14 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.

15 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

16 (7) A fire marshal.

17 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.

18 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
19 hazardous materials response team.

20 (10) A police officer who is also a member of a county
21 or regional municipal special emergency response team which
22 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
23 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

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