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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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,  
8 amended October 19, 2018 (P.L.547, No.83), is 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  
19 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service

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

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

6 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.

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

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

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

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

14 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.

15 (7) A fire marshal.

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

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

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

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