
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 897 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, LANGERHOLC, BREWSTER, BROWN, COSTA AND
LAUGHLIN, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in
4 general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school
5 bus; and imposing penalties.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 1535(a) and 3345(a) and (j) of Title 75
9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1535. Schedule of convictions and points.

11 (a) General rule.--A point system for driver education and
12 control is hereby established which is related to other
13 provisions for use, suspension and revocation of the operating
14 privilege as specified under this title. Every driver licensed
15 in this Commonwealth who is convicted of any of the following
16 offenses shall be assessed points as of the date of violation in
17 accordance with the following schedule:

18 Section Number	Offense	Points
19 1512	Violation of restriction on	

1		driver's license.	2
2	1571	Violation concerning license.	3
3	3102	Failure to obey policeman or	
4		authorized person.	2
5	3111.1	Obedience to traffic-control	
6		devices warning of hazardous	
7		conditions.	2
8	3112(a)(3)(i)	Failure to stop for a red	
9	or (ii)	light.	3
10	3114(a)(1)	Failure to stop for a flashing	
11		red light.	3
12	3302	Failure to yield half of	
13		roadway to oncoming vehicle.	3
14	3303	Improper passing.	3
15	3304	Other improper passing.	3
16	3305	Other improper passing.	3
17	3306(a)(1)	Other improper passing.	4
18	3306(a)(2)	Other improper passing.	3
19	3306(a)(3)	Other improper passing.	3
20	3307	Other improper passing.	3
21	3310	Following too closely.	3
22	3321	Failure to yield to driver on	
23		the right at intersection.	3
24	3322	Failure to yield to oncoming	
25		driver when making left turn.	3
26	3323(b)	Failure to stop for stop sign.	3
27	3323(c)	Failure to yield at yield	
28		sign.	3
29	3324	Failure to yield when entering	
30		or crossing roadway between	

1		intersections.	3
2	3327(a) or	Duty of driver in emergency	
3	(a.1)	response area and in relation	
4		to disabled vehicles.	2
5	3332	Improper turning around.	3
6	3341(a)	Failure to obey signal	
7		indicating approach of train.	2
8	3341(b)	Failure to comply with	
9		crossing gate or barrier.	4
10		(and 30 days' suspension)	
11	3342(b) or (e)	Failure to stop at railroad	
12		crossings.	4
13	3344	Failure to stop when entering	
14		from alley, driveway or	
15		building.	3
16	3345(a)	Failure to stop for school bus	
17		with flashing red lights.	5
18		(and 60 days' suspension)	
19	<u>3345(b)</u>	<u>Failure to proceed past school</u>	
20		<u>bus with caution and prepare</u>	
21		<u>to stop when amber signal</u>	
22		<u>lights are flashing.</u>	2
23	<u>3345(f.1)</u>	<u>Failure to stop for school bus</u>	<u>As provided</u>
24		<u>for transportation of disabled</u>	<u>under</u>
25		<u>persons.</u>	<u>section</u>
26			<u>3345(a).</u>
27	3361	Driving too fast for	
28		conditions.	2
29	3362	Exceeding maximum speed.--Over	
30		Limit:	

1		6-10	2
2		11-15	3
3		16-25	4
4		26-30	5
5		31-over	5
6		(and departmental hearing	
7		and sanctions provided	
8		under section 1538(d))	
9	3365 (b)	Exceeding special speed limit	
10		in school zone.	3
11		(and 60 days' suspension	
12		for a second or subsequent	
13		offense)	
14	3365 (c)	Exceeding special speed limit	
15		for trucks on downgrades.	3
16	3542 (a)	Failure to yield to pedestrian	
17		in crosswalk.	2
18	3547	Failure to yield to pedestrian	
19		on sidewalk.	3
20	3549 (a)	Failure to yield to blind	
21		pedestrian.	3
22	3702	Improper backing.	3
23	3714 (a)	Careless driving.	3
24	3745	Leaving scene of accident	
25		involving property damage	
26		only.	4

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28 § 3345. Meeting or overtaking school bus.

29 (a) Duty of approaching driver when red signals are
30 flashing.--Except as provided in subsection (g), the driver of a

1 vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a
2 highway or trafficway shall stop at least [ten] 15 feet before
3 reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school
4 bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated
5 under section 4552(b.1) (relating to general requirements for
6 school buses). The driver shall not proceed until the flashing
7 red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a
8 driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the
9 school children who may have alighted from the school bus have
10 reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching
11 an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his
12 vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal
13 lights are no longer actuated.

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15 (j) [Penalty] Penalties.--

16 (1) A person who violates subsection (a) or (f.1)
17 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be
18 sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than
19 \$500 and a \$35 surcharge. For a second or subsequent offense
20 under this paragraph, the person commits a summary offense
21 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of no
22 less than \$500 and a \$35 surcharge and attend a driver
23 improvement school or undergo a special examination. The
24 surcharge shall be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant
25 Program Account.

26 (2) A person who violates subsection (b) commits a
27 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
28 pay a fine of no less than \$100 and a \$35 surcharge. For a
29 second or subsequent offense under this paragraph, the person
30 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be

1 sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$250 and a \$35
2 surcharge and attend a driver improvement school or undergo a
3 special examination. The surcharge shall be deposited into
4 the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account.

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