

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 298 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, LANGERHOLC, BOSCOLA, MARTIN, REGAN, COLEMAN, FARRY, LAUGHLIN, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, FLYNN AND KANE, JANUARY 31, 2023

SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 1, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in equipment standards, further providing for
3 unlawful activities; IN OTHER REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, FURTHER <--
4 PROVIDING FOR RESTRAINT SYSTEMS; and abrogating regulations.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4107(a)(1) and (b) introductory paragraph
8 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are
9 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
10 read:

11 § 4107. Unlawful activities.

12 (a) Violation of vehicle equipment standards.--

13 (1) [It] Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful
14 for any person to sell, offer for sale, lease, install or
15 replace, either separately or as part of the equipment of a
16 vehicle, any item of vehicle equipment affecting the
17 operation of the vehicle which does not comply with this
18 title or regulations promulgated thereunder, or which does

1 not comply with an applicable Federal motor vehicle safety  
2 standard adopted by regulation by the department.

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4 (b) Other violations.--[It] Except as otherwise provided, it  
5 is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

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7 (b.2) Vehicle doors.--If a vehicle is REGISTERED UNDER <--  
8 SECTION 1301 (RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
9 REQUIRED) AND equipped from the original manufacturer with  
10 manufacturer designed and installed MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND <--  
11 MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED removable doors WITH THE INTENTION TO <--  
12 ALLOW REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION BY THE VEHICLE OWNER, that  
13 vehicle may be operated on the roadways of this Commonwealth  
14 with the doors removed. WHEN THE MANUFACTURER-DESIGNED AND <--  
15 MANUFACTURER-INSTALLED DOORS ARE REMOVED, THE VEHICLE SHALL HAVE  
16 SIDE MIRRORS, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER SIDE MIRRORS,  
17 OR INSTALLED SIDE MIRRORS ATTACHED BY THE VEHICLE OWNER. This  
18 subsection shall not limit or otherwise impact section 4534  
19 (relating to rearview mirrors) or 4581 (relating to restraint  
20 systems). TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 4702 (RELATING TO REQUIREMENT <--  
21 FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES), A VEHICLE UNDER THIS  
22 SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSPECTED WITH THE DOORS ATTACHED.

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24 SECTION 2. SECTION 4581(A)(2)(II) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO <--  
25 READ:

26 § 4581. RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

27 (A) OCCUPANT PROTECTION.--

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29 (2) \* \* \*

30 (II) EXCEPT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND

1 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (1.1) AND  
2 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) [, EACH]:

3 (A) EACH DRIVER AND FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT OF A  
4 PASSENGER CAR, CLASS I TRUCK, CLASS II TRUCK, CLASSIC  
5 MOTOR VEHICLE, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTOR HOME  
6 OPERATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL WEAR A PROPERLY  
7 ADJUSTED AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT SYSTEM.

8 (B) EACH DRIVER, FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT AND BACK  
9 SEAT OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE OPERATED AS PROVIDED UNDER  
10 SECTION 4107(B.2) (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES)  
11 IN THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL WEAR A PROPERLY ADJUSTED  
12 AND FASTENED SAFETY SEAT BELT SYSTEM.

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14 Section 2 3. Any regulations or parts of regulations that <--  
15 are inconsistent with this act are abrogated to the extent of  
16 the inconsistency.

17 Section 3 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--