

No. 1980-8

## AN ACT

SB 1005

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemptions from registration, classes of licenses, protective equipment, windshield wiper systems, visual signals, annual registration for certain vehicles and further providing for costs in certain summary parking violations.

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

Section 1. Sections 1302(a)(11), 1504(d)(1), 1916, 3525(b), 4524(d), 4571(a) and (b) and 6306 of Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended or added to read:

§ 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

(a) General rule.—The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

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*(11) Any trailer, including but not limited to non-self-propelled special mobile equipment, to be used primarily for off highway use and only operated incidentally upon the highway.*

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§ 1504. Classes of licenses.

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(d) Number and description of classes.—Licenses issued by the department shall be classified in the following manner:

(1) Class 1.—A Class 1 license shall be issued to those persons who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate a single vehicle not in excess of 30,000 pounds registered gross weight or any such vehicle towing a trailer not in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight. *Any fireman who is the holder of a Class 1 license and who has a certificate of authorization from his fire chief shall be authorized to operate any vehicle registered to the fire department regardless of the other requirements of this section as to the class of license required. The holder of a Class 1 license shall also be authorized to drive a motorized pedalcycle.* The holder of a Class 1 license shall not be deemed qualified to operate buses, school buses or motorcycles unless the license is endorsed as provided in this section.

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§ 1916. Trucks and truck tractors.

(a) General rule.—The annual fee for registration of a truck or truck tractor shall be determined by its registered gross weight or combination weight in pounds according to the following table:

Class	Registered Gross or Combination Weight in Pounds	Fee
1	5,000 or less	\$ 39
2	5,001 - 7,000	52
3	7,001 - 9,000	84
4	9,001 - 11,000	108
5	11,001 - 14,000	132
6	14,001 - 17,000	156
7	17,001 - 21,000	192
8	21,001 - 26,000	216
9	26,001 - 30,000	252
10	30,001 - 33,000	300
11	33,001 - 36,000	324
12	36,001 - 40,000	342
13	40,001 - 44,000	360
14	44,001 - 48,000	384
15	48,001 - 52,000	420
16	52,001 - 56,000	444
17	56,001 - 60,000	501
18	60,001 - 64,000	552
19	64,001 - 68,000	576
20	68,001 - 73,280	606

**(b) Optional registration.**—*Any vehicle falling within the range of weights for Classes 1 through 4, inclusive, shall notwithstanding any gross vehicle weight stamped on the manufacturer's serial plate, be registered, upon request of the person making application for registration, at the maximum allowable gross or combination weight for the particular weight class within which the gross vehicle weight determined by the manufacturer causes such vehicle to fall.*

§ 3525. Protective equipment for motorcycle riders.

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**(b) Eye-protective devices.**—No person shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle (*other than a motorized pedalcycle*) unless he is wearing an eye-protective device of a type approved by the department.

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§ 4524. Windshield obstructions and wipers.

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**(d) Windshield wiper systems.**—The windshield on every motor vehicle other than a motorcycle [or motor-driven cycle] or *special mobile equipment* shall be equipped with a wiper system capable of cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield, and so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle.

§ 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

(a) General rule.—Every emergency vehicle shall be equipped with one or more revolving or flashing red lights and an audible warning system. *Spotlights with adjustable sockets may be attached to or mounted on emergency vehicles.*

(b) Police and fire vehicles.—

(1) Police vehicles may in addition to the requirements of subsection (a) be equipped with revolving or flashing blue lights. The combination of red and blue lights may be used only on police vehicles.

(2) *[Spotlights with adjustable sockets may be attached to or mounted on police vehicles.]*

(3) Unmarked police vehicles, used as emergency vehicles and equipped with audible warning systems, may be equipped with the lights described in this section.

*[(4)] (3) Police and fire vehicles may be equipped with a mounted rack containing one or more emergency warning lights or side mounted [adjustable] floodlights[, or both] or alley lights or all such lights.*

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§ 6306. Costs for summary offenses.

(a) General rule.—*[Costs] Except as provided in subsection (c), costs* for summary offenses shall be established by general rule pursuant to Chapter 17 of Title 42 (relating to governance of the system).

(b) Costs of removing vehicle.—(Reserved).

(c) *Parking violations in first class cities.—The costs normally imposed for a summary parking violation of this title or of a parking ordinance shall be waived in the following situations:*

(1) *When the defendant has been issued a parking ticket and he remits the fine within eight days of the parking ticket's issuance.*

(2) *When the defendant, who has not been previously issued a parking ticket for the alleged parking violation, has been issued a citation and he remits the fine within eight days of the citation's issuance.*

*If the fine is remitted by mail, then a remittance postmarked within the eight-day period shall be considered as meeting the requirements of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection shall only be applicable to summary parking violations occurring in cities of the first class.*

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately except for the provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 6306 (relating to costs for summary offenses) which shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 15th day of February, A. D. 1980.

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