

No. 2007-69

AN ACT

HB 131

Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting fees for police services.

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

Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 1392. Prohibition of fees for police services.

(a) Prohibition.—A municipality shall not charge a fee for or seek reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result of municipal police responding to a motor vehicle accident, including, but not limited to, costs incurred for labor, materials, supplies or equipment used or provided in the response.

(b) Limitation.—Subsection (a) shall not be construed to authorize the imposition of any fee other than those fees or charges for furnishing copies of reports under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3751 (relating to reports by police) in the form prescribed by the Department of Transportation and for recovery of the actual costs in furnishing copies of any additional information separate from that provided in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3751 and any other fees or charges authorized in State law.

(c) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

“Municipal police.” A public agency of a municipality having general police powers and charged with making arrests in connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws. The term shall include any regional police department from which the municipality receives police services or any police department which provides the municipality with police services pursuant to agreement or contract.

“Municipality.” A county, city, borough, incorporated town, township or home rule municipality.

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

APPROVED—The 18th day of December, A.D. 2007.

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