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INTRODUCED BY D. COSTA, DRISCOLL, MILLARD, V. BROWN, McNEILL,
READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE, KORTZ AND DEASY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for heat
3 alert system in a K-9 law enforcement vehicle.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3701.2. Heat alert system in a K-9 law enforcement vehicle.

9 (a) Requirement.--A law enforcement agency must equip each
10 vehicle used in a K-9 law enforcement program with a heat alert
11 system that is activated when the temperature in the vehicle's
12 interior becomes dangerous to a police dog in the vehicle. The
13 system, when activated, must do all of the following:

14 (1) Activate an audible alarm.

15 (2) Automatically lower at least two windows in the
16 vehicle.

17 (3) Send an electronic message to the K-9 law
18 enforcement officer.

1 (b) Compliance.--

2 (1) A law enforcement agency that has a K-9 law
3 enforcement program in existence on the effective date of
4 this section must comply with this section by January 1,
5 2019.

6 (2) A law enforcement agency that implements a K-9 law
7 enforcement program after December 31, 2018, must comply with
8 this section not later than one year after the date the
9 program begins operation.

10 (c) Applicability.--This section shall not apply to an open-
11 air vehicle used in connection with a K-9 law enforcement
12 program.

13 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the term "law
14 enforcement agency" means a police department or organization of
15 the Commonwealth or political subdivision of the Commonwealth
16 whose members are empowered to effect an arrest with or without
17 warrant and who are authorized to carry a firearm in the
18 performance of those members' duties.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.