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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for  
3 definitions; and, in other required equipment, providing for  
4 side underride protection systems.

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

7 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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16 "Side underride protection system." A system derived of an  
17 apparatus installed between the front and rear wheels to help  
18 reduce underride and prevent injuries to passenger vehicle  
19 occupants, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists,

1 particularly from falling underneath the vehicle.

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3 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

4 § 4538. Side underride protection systems.

5 Every trailer with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than

6 10,000 pounds and every truck tractor with a gross vehicle

7 weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds shall be equipped with

8 side underride protection systems.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.