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WATSON AND ROZZI, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for
3 visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for
4 visual signals on authorized vehicles.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4571(b.1)(3) of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added July 8, 2016 (P.L.477,
9 No.75), is amended to read:

10 § 4571. Visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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12 (b.1) Mounted lights and additional equipment.--

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14 (3) The department may not prohibit the use of flashing
15 or revolving lights mounted internally in the passenger
16 compartment of [fire department] emergency vehicles or
17 privately owned vehicles used in answering an emergency call
18 when used by a [fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire

1 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
2 assistant chief that comply with] paid or volunteer
3 firefighter in accordance with this subchapter and the
4 department's regulations.

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6 Section 2. Section 4572(a) of Title 75 is amended by adding
7 a paragraph to read:

8 § 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.

9 (a) Flashing or revolving blue lights.--Ambulance personnel,
10 volunteer firefighters, certified volunteer search and rescue
11 organization members and owners and handlers of dogs used in
12 tracking humans may each equip one motor vehicle with no more
13 than two flashing or revolving blue lights.

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15 (4.1) The lights may be used inside the passenger
16 compartment of a privately owned vehicle if clearly visible
17 through the front windshield or outside a motor vehicle.

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