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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in accidents and accident reports, further  
3 establishing a duty to stop vehicles at accident scenes,  
4 providing an exception from the duty for emergency vehicles  
5 and prescribing a penalty.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 3742(a), 3743(a), 3744(a) and 3745(a) of  
9 Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended  
10 to read:

11 § 3742. Accidents involving death or personal injury.

12 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3758  
13 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
14 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or  
15 death of any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the  
16 scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall  
17 then forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the  
18 scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of  
19 section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render

1 aid). Every stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more  
2 than is necessary.

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4 § 3743. Accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or  
5 property.

6 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3758  
7 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
8 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage  
9 to a vehicle or other property which is driven or attended by  
10 any person shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of  
11 the accident or as close thereto as possible but shall forthwith  
12 return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the  
13 accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of section 3744  
14 (relating to duty to give information and render aid). Every  
15 stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is  
16 necessary.

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18 § 3744. Duty to give information and render aid.

19 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3758  
20 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
21 of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or  
22 death of any person or damage to any vehicle or other property  
23 which is driven or attended by any person shall give his name,  
24 address and the registration number of the vehicle he is  
25 driving, and shall upon request exhibit his driver's license and  
26 information relating to financial responsibility to any person  
27 injured in the accident or to the driver or occupant of or  
28 person attending any vehicle or other property damaged in the  
29 accident and shall give the information and upon request exhibit  
30 the license and information relating to financial responsibility

1 to any police officer at the scene of the accident or who is  
2 investigating the accident and shall render to any person  
3 injured in the accident reasonable assistance, including the  
4 making of arrangements for the carrying of the injured person to  
5 a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical  
6 treatment if it is apparent that treatment is necessary or if  
7 requested by the injured person.

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9 § 3745. Accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or  
10 property.

11 (a) General rule.--[The] Except as provided in section 3758  
12 (relating to accidents involving emergency vehicles), the driver  
13 of any vehicle which collides with or is involved in an accident  
14 with any vehicle or other property which is unattended resulting  
15 in any damage to the other vehicle or property shall immediately  
16 stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close  
17 thereto as possible and shall then and there either locate and  
18 notify the operator or owner of the damaged vehicle or other  
19 property of his name, address, information relating to financial  
20 responsibility and the registration number of the vehicle being  
21 driven or shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or on  
22 the damaged vehicle or other property a written notice giving  
23 his name, address, information relating to financial  
24 responsibility and the registration number of the vehicle being  
25 driven and shall without unnecessary delay notify the nearest  
26 office of a duly authorized police department. Every stop shall  
27 be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

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29 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
30 § 3758. Accidents involving emergency vehicles.

1 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in  
2 subsection (b), the driver of an emergency vehicle involved in  
3 an accident when responding to an emergency call shall comply  
4 with the following provisions:

5 Section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or  
6 personal injury).

7 Section 3743 (relating to accidents involving damage to  
8 attended vehicle or property).

9 Section 3744 (relating to duty to give information and render  
10 aid).

11 Section 3745 (relating to accidents involving damage to  
12 unattended vehicle or property).

13 (b) Exception.--The driver of a fire department vehicle,  
14 police department vehicle, ambulance or rescue or emergency  
15 medical services vehicle may leave the scene of the accident to  
16 respond to the initial emergency or continue to transport a  
17 victim of the initial emergency:

18 (1) If the driver determines that it is reasonable and  
19 appropriate to do so.

20 (2) When the requirements of sections 3742, 3743, 3744  
21 and 3745 can be fulfilled by:

22 (i) a person acting on behalf of the driver; or

23 (ii) the driver's radio communication with the  
24 police, fire, rescue or similar agency which will respond  
25 to the accident.

26 (c) Penalty.--A person violating this section commits a  
27 misdemeanor of the third degree.

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