

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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READSHAW, MOUL, KORTZ, DENLINGER, GIBBONS, MATZIE AND GABLER,  
JANUARY 22, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 22, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for  
3 inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel; and in  
4 enforcement, further providing for investigation by police  
5 officers.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 4704(a)(2) and 6308(b) of Title 75 of  
9 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 4704. Inspection by police or Commonwealth personnel.

11 (a) Authority to inspect.--

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13 (2) Systematic vehicle inspection programs.--Any  
14 Pennsylvania State Police officer or qualified Commonwealth  
15 employee engaged in a systematic vehicle inspection program  
16 may inspect any vehicle, driver, documents, equipment and  
17 load to determine whether they meet standards established in  
18 department regulations. A systematic vehicle inspection  
19 program shall not be based on stopping only a particular type

1 of vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.  
2 Notwithstanding this subsection, a program may stop only  
3 commercial motor vehicles, as defined in section 1603  
4 (relating to definitions).

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6 § 6308. Investigation by police officers.

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8 (b) Authority of police officer.--Whenever a police officer  
9 is engaged in a systematic program of checking vehicles or  
10 drivers or has reasonable suspicion that a violation of this  
11 title is occurring or has occurred, he may stop a vehicle, upon  
12 request or signal, for the purpose of checking the vehicle's  
13 registration, proof of financial responsibility, vehicle  
14 identification number or engine number or the driver's license,  
15 or to secure such other information as the officer may  
16 reasonably believe to be necessary to enforce the provisions of  
17 this title. A systematic program of checking vehicles or drivers  
18 shall not be based on stopping only a particular type of  
19 vehicle, such as a passenger car, truck or motorcycle.  
20 Notwithstanding this subsection, a program may stop only  
21 commercial motor vehicles, as defined in section 1603 (relating  
22 to definitions).

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