

## No. 1979-12

## AN ACT

## HB 305

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for articulated buses.

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

Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 102. Definitions.

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

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***“Articulated bus.” A bus designed to transport passengers and on which passengers are authorized to be transported, consisting of two or more units or sections permanently assembled in tandem by flexible connections which permit passenger movement throughout the length of the bus.***

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Section 2. Section 4923 and subsection (a) of section 4948 of Title 75 are amended to read:

§ 4923. Length of vehicles.

(a) General rule.—No motor vehicle, including any load and bumpers, shall exceed an overall length of 40 feet, and no combination, including any load and bumpers, shall exceed an overall length of 55 feet.

(b) Exceptions.—The limitations of (a) do not apply to the following:

(1) Any motor vehicle equipped with a boom or boom-like device if the vehicle does not exceed 55 feet.

(2) The load on a combination designed exclusively for carrying motor vehicles if the overall length of the combination and load does not exceed 60 feet.

(3) Any combination transporting articles which do not exceed 70 feet in length and are nondivisible as to length.

***(4) Any bus of an articulated design which does not exceed 60 feet.***

§ 4948. Maximum weight and seating capacity of buses.

(a) Gross, axle and wheel weights.—No bus ***except a bus of an articulated design*** shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of 40,000 pounds, or in excess of 20,000 pounds on any axle, or in excess of 800 pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of

tire on the wheel. *No bus of an articulated design shall be operated upon any highway with a gross weight in excess of 55,000 pounds, or in excess of 22,400 pounds on any axle, or in excess of 800 pounds on any one wheel for each nominal inch of width of tire on the wheel.*

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of June, A. D. 1979.

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