

No. 1999-23

AN ACT

HB 10

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for licensing eligibility and licensing of minors, for learner's permits, for suspension of operating privilege, for school, examination or hearing on accumulation of points or excessive speeding, for requirements for driving under influence offenders, for annual hauling permits and for restraint systems; establishing a task force on driver's education programs; providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permits for movement of float glass or flat glass and for permits for movement of self-propelled cranes; further providing for restrictions on use of limited access highways, for permit for movement during the course of manufacture and for permit for movement of wooden structures; providing for security wall pilot project; and making editorial changes.

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

Section 1. Section 1503 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended December 21, 1998 (P.L.1126, No.151), is amended to read:

§ 1503. Persons ineligible for licensing; *license issuance to minors; junior driver's license.*

(a) [General rule] *Persons ineligible for licensing.*—The department shall not issue a driver's license to, or renew the driver's license of, any person:

(1) Whose operating privilege is suspended or revoked in this or any other state.

(3) Who is a user of alcohol or any controlled substance to a degree rendering the user incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle. This paragraph does not apply to any person who is enrolled or otherwise participating in a methadone or other controlled substance treatment program approved by the [Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse] *Department of Health* provided that the person is certified to be competent to drive by a physician designated by the [Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse] *Department of Health*.

(4) Who has been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been restored to competency by the methods provided by law.

(5) Whose name has been submitted under the provisions of section 1518 (relating to reports on mental or physical disabilities or disorders).

(6) Who is required by the department to take an examination until the person has successfully passed the examination.

(7) Who is under 18 years of age except in accordance with subsections (b) and (c).

(8) Who has repeatedly violated any of the provisions of this chapter. The department shall provide an opportunity for a hearing upon invoking this paragraph.

(b) [Minors completing training course] *License issuance to minors.*—The department shall issue a driver's license to a person 17 years of age who:

(1) has successfully completed a driver's training course approved by the department; and

(2) *for a period of 12 months after passing the examination under section 1505(e) (relating to learners' permits) and receiving a junior driver's license:*

(i) has not been involved in an accident *reportable under section 3746(a) (relating to immediate notice of accident to police department)* for which they are partially or fully responsible in the opinion of the department [or is]; or

(ii) *has not been* convicted of any violation of this title.

(c) Junior driver's license.—The department may issue a junior driver's license to a person 16 or 17 years of age under rules and regulations adopted by the department and subject to the provisions of this section. A junior driver's license shall automatically become a regular driver's license when the [licensee] *junior driver* attains 18 years of age.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no licensed junior driver shall drive a vehicle upon a public highway between [12 midnight] *11 p.m.* and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a spouse 18 years of age or older, a parent or a person in loco parentis.

(2) A licensed junior driver conforming to the requirements of section 1507 (relating to application for driver's license or learner's permit by minor) may drive a vehicle upon a public highway between [12 midnight] *11 p.m.* and 5 a.m. between [their] *the junior driver's* home and [their] activity or employment or in the course of [their] *the junior driver's* activity or employment if [they are] *the junior driver is* a member of a volunteer fire company authorized by the fire chief to engage in fighting fires, *is* engaged in public or charitable service or *is* employed and [they are] *is* carrying an affidavit or certificate of authorization signed by [their] *the junior driver's* fire chief, supervisor or employer indicating the probable schedule of [their] *the junior driver's* activities. Upon termination of the junior driver's activity or employment, the junior [licensee] *driver* shall surrender the affidavit or certificate to the fire chief, supervisor or employer. If the junior [licensee] *driver* shall fail to surrender the affidavit or certificate, the employer, fire chief or supervisor shall immediately notify the Pennsylvania State Police.

(3) In addition to the other provisions of this title relating to the suspension or revocation of operating privileges, in the event that a

licensed junior driver is involved in an accident *reportable under section 3746(a)* for which [they are] *the junior driver* is partially or fully responsible in the opinion of the department or is convicted of any violation of this title, the department may suspend the operating privileges of [such person until the person] *the junior driver until the junior driver* attains 18 years of age or for a period of time not exceeding 90 days.

(4) Any junior [licensee] *driver* or other person violating any provision of this subsection is guilty of a summary offense.

Section 2. Section 1504(d)(3) of Title 75 is amended to read:

§ 1504. Classes of licenses.

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(d) Number and description of classes.—Licenses issued by the department shall be classified in the following manner:

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(3) Class C.—A Class C license shall be issued to those persons 18 years of age or older, except as provided in section 1503 (relating to persons ineligible for licensing; *license issuance to minors; junior driver's license*), who have demonstrated their qualifications to operate any single vehicle, except those vehicles requiring a Class M qualification, with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 26,000 pounds or any combination of vehicles, except combination vehicles involving motorcycles, that does not meet the definition of either Class A or Class B of this section.

(i) Where required under this title, appropriate endorsements must be obtained.

(ii) Any firefighter who is the holder of a Class C license and who has a certificate of authorization from his fire chief shall be authorized to operate any fire or emergency vehicle registered to the fire department or municipality, regardless of the other requirements of this section as to the class of license required. No fire chief, fire department, including any volunteer fire company, or municipality shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of the issuance of a certificate authorized under this paragraph unless such act constituted a crime, actual fraud, actual malice or willful misconduct.

(iii) Any member of a rescue or emergency squad who is the holder of a Class C license and who has a certificate of authorization from the head of the rescue or emergency squad shall be authorized to operate any rescue or emergency vehicle equipped with audible and visual signals registered to the rescue or emergency squad or municipality, regardless of the other requirements of this section as to the class of license required. No head of a rescue or emergency squad, the rescue or emergency squad or municipality shall be liable for any civil damages as a result of the issuance of a certificate of authorization

under this paragraph unless such issuance constituted a crime, actual fraud, actual malice or willful misconduct.

(iv) The holder of a Class C license shall also be authorized to drive a motor-driven cycle with an automatic transmission and cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters or a three-wheeled motorcycle equipped with an enclosed cab, but not a motorcycle unless the license is endorsed, as provided in this title.

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Section 3. Section 1505(b) and (d) of Title 75 are amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

§ 1505. Learners' permits.

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(b) Learner must be accompanied.—A learner's permit entitles the person to whom it was issued to drive vehicles and combinations of vehicles of the class or classes specified, but only while the holder of the learner's permit is accompanied by and under the immediate supervision of a person who:

(1) is at least [18] 21 years of age [and who:] or, if the spouse of the learner's permit holder, is at least 18 years of age; or, if a parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of the learner's permit holder, is at least 18 years of age;

[1] (2) is licensed in this Commonwealth to drive vehicles of the class then being driven by the holder of the learner's permit; and

[2] (3) is actually occupying a seat beside the holder of the learner's permit unless the vehicle is a motorcycle.

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(d) Duration of permit.—A learner's permit shall be valid for a period of [120 days] one year after date of issue, or until the holder of the permit has failed the examination as authorized in section 1508 (relating to examination of applicant for driver's license) three times within the [120-day] one-year period.

(e) Authorization to test for driver's license and junior driver's license.—A person with a learner's permit is authorized to take the examination for a regular or junior driver's license for the class of vehicle for which a permit is held. Before a person under the age of 18 years may take the examination for a junior driver's license, the minor must:

(1) Have¹ held a learner's permit for that class of vehicle for a period of six months.²

(2) Present³ to the department a certification form signed by the father, mother, guardian, person in loco parentis or spouse of a married minor stating that the minor applicant has completed 50 hours of

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²"months; and" in enrolled bill.

³"present" in enrolled bill.

practical driving experience accompanied as required under subsection (b). Submission of a certification shall not subject the parent, guardian, person in loco parentis or spouse of a married minor to any liability based upon the certification.

(3) Have the certification form completed when the minor is ready for the licensing examination. The certification form shall be developed by the department and will be provided by the department when the original application for a learner's permit is processed. The department will make this form readily available through the mail or electronic means.

(f) Filing a false certification.—Any person who knowingly files a false certification commits a summary offense under section 6502 (relating to summary offenses).

Section 4. Sections 1532(c) and 1533(e) of Title 75 are amended to read: § 1532. Suspension of operating privilege.

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(c) Suspension.—The department shall suspend the operating privilege of any person upon receiving a certified record of the person's conviction of any offense involving the possession, sale, delivery, offering for sale, holding for sale or giving away of any controlled substance under the laws of the United States, this Commonwealth or any other state, or any person 21 years of age or younger upon receiving a certified record of the person's conviction or adjudication of delinquency under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2706 (relating to terroristic threats) committed on any school property, including any public school grounds, during any school-sponsored activity or on any conveyance providing transportation to a school entity or school-sponsored activity.

(1) The period of suspension shall be as follows:

(i) For a first offense, a period of six months from the date of the suspension.

(ii) For a second offense, a period of one year from the date of the suspension.

(iii) For a third and any subsequent offense thereafter, a period of two years from the date of the suspension.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "conviction" shall include any conviction or adjudication of delinquency for any of the offenses listed in paragraph (1), whether in this Commonwealth or any other Federal or state court.

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§ 1533. Suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation.

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(e) Remedy cumulative.—A suspension under this section shall be in addition to the requirement of withholding renewal or reinstatement of a violator's driver's license as prescribed in section 1503(a) (relating to persons ineligible for licensing; license issuance to minors; junior driver's license).

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Section 5. Section 1538 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1538. School, examination or hearing on accumulation of points or excessive speeding.

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(e) Additional suspension of operating privilege.—

(1) In addition to any other provisions of law relating to the suspension or revocation of operating privileges, a person's operating privileges shall be suspended under any of the following circumstances:

(i) Prior to reaching age 18, the person violates section 3362 (relating to maximum speed limits) by traveling 26 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit and the violation results in a conviction, guilty plea or plea of no contest before or after the person reaches age 18.

(ii) The person accumulates six or more points under the provisions of the section 1535 (relating to schedule of convictions and points) and the violations resulting in points accumulation were committed before the person reached age 18.

(2) The first suspension under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of 90 days with every subsequent suspension under paragraph (1) to be for a period of 120 days. Suspensions under paragraph (1) shall be imposed consecutively to each other and to any other suspension. A suspension under paragraph (1) shall be considered a subsequent suspension even if it is imposed contemporaneously with a first suspension imposed under paragraph (1).

Section 6. Sections 1548(c) and (d) and 1550(b)(1)(ii) of Title 75 are amended to read:

§ 1548. Requirements for driving under influence offenders.

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*(c) Results of evaluation.—*Based on the results of evaluation and any additional information and evidence, the court may in addition to any other requirements of the court or this title determine and require, as part of sentencing or condition of parole, probation or Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or other preliminary disposition, that the person successfully complete a prescribed program of individual or group intervention or supervised inpatient or outpatient treatment or any combination of these programs or treatments for a period of up to two years in duration. Any program of individual or group intervention or supervised inpatient or outpatient treatment shall be of a type approved by the Department of Health *or operated by a facility or hospital that is under the authority of the United States Armed Forces or the Department of Veterans Affairs.* Based on periodic reviews of the person's progress, the court may alter, modify or shorten or extend the duration of the requirements.

*(d) Order for alcohol or drug commitment.—*If after evaluation and further examination and hearing it is determined that a defendant is an alleged

chronic abuser of alcohol or controlled substances or that the person is a severely debilitated controlled substance or alcohol abuser who represents a demonstrated and serious threat, the court may order the person committed for treatment at a facility or institution approved by the Department of Health *or operated by a facility or hospital that is under the authority of the United States Armed Forces or the Department of Veterans Affairs*. If the defendant has been convicted of a previous violation of section 3731, the court shall order the person committed to a drug and alcohol treatment program licensed by the Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the Department of Health *or operated by a facility or hospital that is under the authority of the United States Armed Forces or the Department of Veterans Affairs*:

(1) Any person subject to this subsection may be examined by an appropriate physician of the person's choosing and the result of the examination shall be considered by the court.

(2) Upon motion duly made by the committed person, an attorney or an attending physician, the court at any time after an order of commitment may review the order. After determining the progress of treatment, the court may order its continuation, the person's release or supervised treatment on an outpatient basis.

(3) Any person ordered by the court to receive treatment after a first offense, and any person required to receive treatment after a second offense under section 3731 must demonstrate to the court that the defendant has successfully completed treatment according to all guidelines required by the program before the person's operating privilege may be restored.

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§ 1550. Judicial review.

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(b) Supersedeas.—

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(ii) The filing and service of a petition for appeal from denial, recall, suspension or cancellation of a driver's license under section 1503 (relating to persons ineligible for licensing; *license issuance to minors; junior driver's license*), 1504 (relating to classes of licenses), 1509 (relating to qualifications for school bus driver endorsement), 1514 (relating to expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses), 1519 (relating to determination of incompetency) or 1572 (relating to cancellation of driver's license) shall not act as a supersedeas unless ordered by the court after a hearing attended by the petitioner.

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Section 7. Sections 1943 and 3313 of Title 75 are amended by adding subsections to read:

§ 1943. Annual hauling permits.

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(o) Float glass or flat glass.—The annual fee for the movement of float glass or flat glass, as provided for in section 4979.3 (relating to permit for movement of float glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end uses), shall be \$800.

(p) Self-propelled cranes.—The annual permit fee for each self-propelled crane, as provided for in section 4979.4¹ (relating to permit for movement of self-propelled cranes), shall be as follows:

(1) Cranes not exceeding 100,000 pounds gross weight, prorated up to a maximum of \$400.

(2) Cranes in excess of 100,000 pounds gross weight, prorated up to a maximum of \$100 plus \$50 for each mile of highway authorized under the permit.

§ 3313. Restrictions on use of limited access highways.

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(d) Driving in right lane.—Vehicles shall be driven in the lane nearest the right-hand edge of the roadway, except when overtaking another vehicle, or for a distance of up to two miles in preparation for a left turn, or as directed by official traffic control devices, police officers or appropriately attired persons authorized to divert, control or regulate traffic.

Section 8. Section 4581(b) of Title 75 is amended and subsection (a) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 4581. Restraint systems.

(a) Occupant protection.—

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(3) A driver who is under 18 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle in which the number of passengers exceeds the number of available safety seat belts in the vehicle.

(b) Offense.—Anyone who fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (a)(1) shall be guilty of a summary offense with a maximum fine of \$25. The court imposing and collecting any such fines shall transfer the fines thus collected to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Child Passenger Restraint Fund, pursuant to section 4582 (relating to Child Passenger Restraint Fund). Anyone who violates subsection (a)(2) *or* (3) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10. No [persons] *person* shall be convicted of a violation of subsection (a)(2) unless the person is also convicted of another violation of this title which occurred at the same time. No costs as described in 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1 (relating to costs) shall be imposed for summary conviction of subsection (a)(2) *or* (3). Conviction under this subsection shall not constitute a moving violation.

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¹"4979.5" in enrolled bill.

Section 9. Sections 4962(f), 4968 and 4977 of Title 75, amended December 21, 1998 (P.L.1126, No.151), are amended to read:
§ 4962. Conditions of permits and security for damages.

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(f) When loads permitted.—Only vehicles and combinations permitted under the following provisions shall be authorized to carry or haul loads while operating under the permit:

Section 4961(a)(2), (3) and (6) (relating to authority to issue permits).

Section 4965 (relating to single permits for multiple highway crossings).

Section 4968 (relating to permit for movement during course of manufacture).

Section 4974 (relating to permit for movement of containerized cargo).

Section 4975 (relating to permit for movement of special mobile equipment).

Section 4976 (relating to permit for movement of domestic animal feed).

Section 4976.1 (relating to permit for movement of live domestic animals).

Section 4977 (relating to permit for movement of wooden structures).

Section 4978 (relating to permit for movement of building structural components).

Section 4979 (relating to permit for movement of particleboard or fiberboard used in the manufacture of ready-to-assemble furniture).

Section 4979.1 (relating to permit for movement of bulk refined oil).

Section 4979.2 (relating to permit for movement of waste coal and beneficial combustion ash).

Section 4979.3 (relating to permit for movement of float glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end uses).

Section 4979.4 (relating to permit for movement of self-propelled cranes).

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§ 4968. Permit for movement during course of manufacture.

(a) Annual permit.—An annual permit may be issued authorizing movement on specified highways of boats, trailers, mobile homes, modular housing units and undercarriages, helicopters, hot ingots, raw coal, basic oxygen furnace lances, railway equipment and rails or other articles, vehicles or combinations which exceed the maximum height, width or length specified in Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) or self-propelled cranes or combinations carrying raw milk or flat-rolled steel coils [or], hot ingots, *pulpwood and wood chips for paper manufacture or raw water* which exceed the maximum weight specified in Subchapter C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles) while they are in the course of manufacture and under contract with or under the direct control of the manufacturer, subject to the following provisions:

(1) Except for articles and vehicles not exceeding 102 inches in width, no permit shall be issued under this section for movement of articles or vehicles while they are in transit from the manufacturer to a purchaser or dealer or for the movement of articles or vehicles upon a freeway.

(2) Articles and vehicles not wider than 102 inches may be moved any distance on a permit. Articles and vehicles wider than 102 inches but not in excess of ten feet in width may be moved up to 50 miles on a permit. Wider articles and vehicles may be moved no farther than ten miles on a permit.

(3) A combination of vehicles which is hauling flat-rolled steel coils may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdiction a distance not exceeding 50 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 100,000 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.1) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw milk to or from a manufacturer may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdiction 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except during inclement weather as defined in department regulations, if the gross weight does not exceed 95,000 pounds and if the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.2) A combination of vehicles which is hauling a hot ingot may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdiction a distance not exceeding 25 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds.

(3.3) A combination of vehicles which is hauling basic oxygen furnace lances may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions if the overall length does not exceed 90 feet. A vehicle operating under a permit authorized under this section may be driven 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this paragraph is not authorized during any of the following:

(i) A holiday period specified in department regulations or in the permit.

(ii) Inclement weather, as defined in department regulations.

(3.4) A self-propelled crane which is being road tested may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a distance not exceeding 15 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight on any axle does not exceed 27,000 pounds.

(3.5) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw coal from a mine to a processing or preparation facility may be permitted by the department

and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a distance not exceeding 30 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 95,000 pounds and if the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.6) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw water from a spring to a bottling facility may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon specified highways within their respective jurisdictions subject to the following conditions:

(i) The vehicle must be a six axle combination - three axle truck tractor.

(ii) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 96,900 pounds.

(iii) Maximum weight on steering axles shall be 11,000 pounds.

(iv) Maximum weight on the truck-tractor tandem (axles two and three) shall be 38,000 pounds, with a maximum of 19,500 pounds on either axle in the group.

(v) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles four, five and six) shall be 47,700 pounds, with a maximum of 16,400 pounds on any axle in the group.

(vi) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle two shall be 12 feet 11 inches.

(vii) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of semitrailer (axle 4) must be a minimum of 26 feet 7 inches.

(viii) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 1 inch.

No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.7) A combination of vehicles which is hauling pulpwood or wood chips from a specified source to a paper manufacturing site may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon specified highways within their respective jurisdictions subject to the following conditions:

(i) The vehicle must be a five axle combination - three axle truck tractor meeting the following characteristics:

(A) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 95,000 pounds.

(B) Maximum weight on steering axles¹ shall be 11,000 pounds.

(C) Maximum weight on the truck-trailer tandem (axles two and three) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on either axle in the group.

¹"axle" in enrolled bill.

(D) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles four and five) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on any axle in the group.

(E) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle two shall be 12 feet 6 inches.

(F) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of the semitrailer (axle four) must be a minimum of 28 feet 0 inch.

(G) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 0 inch.

(ii) The vehicle must be a six axle combination - three axle truck tractor meeting the following characteristics:

(A) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 107,000 pounds.

(B) Maximum weight on steering axles shall be 12,000 pounds.

(C) Maximum weight on the truck-tractor tandem (axles two and three) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on either axle in the group.

(D) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles four, five and six) shall be 53,000 pounds, with a maximum of 17,670 pounds on any axle in the group.

(E) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle two shall be 12 feet 6 inches.

(F) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of the semitrailer (axle four) must be a minimum of 45 feet 0 inch.

(G) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 0 inch.

No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(4) A permit may be denied or revoked in order to preserve the safety of highway users or to protect the structural integrity of highways or bridges or as otherwise authorized by department regulations.

(b) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “raw milk” shall have the meaning given to it in the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.

§ 4977. Permit for movement of wooden structures.

An annual permit may be issued for the movement on highways of certain wooden structures which exceed the maximum length, width and height specified in Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length), subject to the following conditions:

(1) The overall width, including all appurtenances and overhangs, may not exceed 13 feet.

(2) The overall length may not exceed 90 feet.

(2.1) The overall height may not exceed 13 feet 10 inches.

(3) The wooden structure or structures must be transported on a trailer designed solely for the transportation of such structures and not used for the transportation of any other type of load.

(4) Movement under this section is limited to *roof trusses*, wooden utility sheds, gazebos, garages and play equipment.

Section 10. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 4979.3. Permit for movement of float glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end uses.

(a) *General rule.*—An annual permit may be issued authorizing the movement on specified highways of float glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end uses which exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight specified in Subchapter C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles).

(b) *Specifications.*—

(1) *The weight of any vehicle permitted under this section may not exceed 99,500 pounds overall gross weight, shall be a five axle combination - three axle truck tractor and shall have the following maximum axle weight limits for all axles:*

<i>Steering axles</i>	<i>9,000 pounds</i>
<i>Truck tractor tandem axles</i>	<i>44,000 pounds</i> <i>with a maximum of</i> <i>22,500 pounds on either</i> <i>axle in the group</i>
<i>Semitrailer tandem axles</i>	<i>46,500 pounds</i> <i>with a maximum of</i> <i>23,750 pounds on either</i> <i>axle in the group</i>

(2) *The spacing between axle 1 and axle 2 must be a minimum of 14 feet.*

(3) *The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle 3) and the first axle of the semitrailer (axle 4) must be a minimum of 31 feet 6 inches.*

(4) *The spacing between tandem axles must be a minimum of 4 feet 4 inches.*

(c) *Operation limitations.*—

(1) *Except as provided in paragraph (2), a vehicle operating under a permit authorized under this section may be driven 24 hours a day, seven days a week.*

(2) *Movement under this paragraph is not authorized during any of the following:*

(i) *A holiday period specified in department regulations or in the permit.*

(ii) *Inclement weather, as defined in department regulations.*

(d) *Interstate highways.*—No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

§ 4979.4. Permit for movement of self-propelled cranes.

An annual permit may be issued authorizing the movement on specified highways of self-propelled cranes which exceed the maximum vehicle gross or maximum axle weights specified in Subchapter C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles).

Section 11. Section 6114 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 6114. Limitation on sale, publication and disclosure of records.

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(d) Additional requirement.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in the case of a driver under 18 years of age, the department shall notify the parent or guardian of the minor licensee, at the address of record of the minor, of any convictions recorded against the minor's record or any action to suspend or revoke the minor's operating privilege. Failure of the person to receive the notice shall not prevent the action taken by the department.

Section 12. Section 8914.1 of Title 75, added December 21, 1998 (P.L.1126, No.151), is amended to read:

§ 8914.1. Security wall pilot project.

The commission shall construct, maintain and assess the long-term effectiveness of a security wall pilot project from a point at or near milepost [1.8] 1.0 on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to a point at or near milepost [2.6] 1.8. Such pilot project shall encompass the southbound lanes of the Northeast Extension between said mileposts. The commission shall commence the design and construction of the security wall pilot project authorized by this section immediately upon transfer of funds by the department.

Section 13. The amendment or addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1505(d) and (e) shall apply only to persons who receive permits issued on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 14. (a) There is hereby established a task force on driver's education programs.

(b) The task force shall be comprised of 14 members as follows:

(1) Four members comprised of the chairman and minority chairman of the Committee on Transportation of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Committee on Transportation of the House of Representatives or their designees.

(2) The Secretary of Transportation or his designee, who shall be the chairman of the task force.

(3) The Secretary of Education or his designee.

(4) Four persons, comprised of the chairman and minority chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives or their designees.

(5) The Department of Transportation shall appoint four individuals who represent diverse groups or organizations that have a direct interest in driver's education programs.

(c) The task force shall assess driver's education programs in order to meet the following objectives:

(1) Analyze professional licensing standards and continuing education requirements for driver's education instructors.

(2) Review the driver's education curriculum and on-the-road experience, including residential, city, rural, open road, expressway, night and inclement weather driving.

(3) Examine the administration of the driver's education program by the Department of Education and consider the advantages or disadvantages of transferring responsibility to the Department of Transportation.

(4) Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of establishing mandatory driver's education requirements.

(5) Analyze options for generating a dedicated source of funding for the per-student fee for driver's education classes, including an increase in the current fee for a learner's permit.

(6) Consider any other issue raised in relation to the improvement of driver's education in public schools.

(d) The expenses and costs associated with the task force shall be the responsibility of the Department of Transportation.

(e) The task force shall prepare a report with findings and recommendations to the Transportation Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives to be submitted within ten months of the effective date of this section.

(f) The provisions of this section and the task force shall expire one year after the effective date of this section.

Section 15. The Pennsylvania State Police and the Department of Transportation shall jointly study the issue of the problems involving registration validation stickers and present a report with findings and recommendations to the Transportation Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives no later than September 1, 1999.

Section 16. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment or addition of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1503(c)(1) and (2), 1943, 4581(a)(3), 4962, 4968, 4977, 4979.3 and 4979.4 shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) Sections 14 and 15 and this section shall take effect immediately.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 180 days.

APPROVED—The 25th day of June, A.D. 1999.

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