

No. 1981-86

AN ACT

SB 724

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for illuminated signs on tops of trucks and truck tractors and further providing for penalties for individuals evading turnpike tolls.

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

Section 1. Section 4307 and section 6110(b) of Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, are amended to read:

§ 4307. Use and display of illuminated signs.

(a) General rule.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, no vehicle shall bear or display any illuminated signs, letters, numerals or figures of any kind whatsoever.

(b) Buses.—A bus or school bus may bear an illuminated sign stating its use or destination.

(c) Taxicabs.—A taxicab may carry on the rear or the top of the vehicle illuminated signs placed so as not to interfere with the vision of the driver through the rear window of the vehicle. The size and placement of the sign must receive approval of the department or be a type approved by the department prior to use on the vehicle.

(d) *Trucks and truck tractors.*—*A truck or truck tractor may carry on the top of the cab roof an illuminated sign placed so as not to interfere with the vision of the driver through the windshield of the vehicle. Illuminated signs so placed shall be of a size and type designed not to interfere with or unduly distract the drivers of other vehicles on the highway. The type, size and placement of the sign must receive approval of the department or be a type approved by the department prior to use on the vehicle.*

§ 6110. Regulation of traffic on Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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(b) [Penalty.—Any] Penalties.—

(1) *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person violating any of the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for which no penalty has otherwise been provided by statute [is guilty of] commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$25.*

(2) *Any person violating any of the rules and regulations of the commission prohibiting fare evasion or attempted fare evasion commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine according to the classification by the commission of the vehicle driven by that person at the time of violation as follows:*

(i) *Class 1 through 2: \$25.*

(ii) *Class 3 through 6: \$200.*

(iii) *Class 7 and higher: \$300.*

(3) *In addition to the fines imposed under this subsection, restitution shall be made to the commission in an amount equal to the full fare, for the appropriate vehicle class, from the farthest point of entry on the turnpike to the actual point of exit.*

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

APPROVED—The 10th day of July, A. D. 1981.

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