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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
 3 schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in
 4 general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school
 5 bus; and imposing penalties.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 1535(a) and 3345(a) and (j) of Title 75
 9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1535. Schedule of convictions and points.

11 (a) General rule.--A point system for driver education and
 12 control is hereby established which is related to other
 13 provisions for use, suspension and revocation of the operating
 14 privilege as specified under this title. Every driver licensed
 15 in this Commonwealth who is convicted of any of the following
 16 offenses shall be assessed points as of the date of violation in
 17 accordance with the following schedule:

| 18 Section Number | Offense | Points |
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| 19 1512 | Violation of restriction on | |

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| 1 | | driver's license. | 2 |
| 2 | 1571 | Violation concerning license. | 3 |
| 3 | 3102 | Failure to obey policeman or | |
| 4 | | authorized person. | 2 |
| 5 | 3111.1 | Obedience to traffic-control | |
| 6 | | devices warning of hazardous | |
| 7 | | conditions. | 2 |
| 8 | 3112(a)(3)(i) | Failure to stop for a red | |
| 9 | or (ii) | light. | 3 |
| 10 | 3114(a)(1) | Failure to stop for a flashing | |
| 11 | | red light. | 3 |
| 12 | 3302 | Failure to yield half of | |
| 13 | | roadway to oncoming vehicle. | 3 |
| 14 | 3303 | Improper passing. | 3 |
| 15 | 3304 | Other improper passing. | 3 |
| 16 | 3305 | Other improper passing. | 3 |
| 17 | 3306(a)(1) | Other improper passing. | 4 |
| 18 | 3306(a)(2) | Other improper passing. | 3 |
| 19 | 3306(a)(3) | Other improper passing. | 3 |
| 20 | 3307 | Other improper passing. | 3 |
| 21 | 3310 | Following too closely. | 3 |
| 22 | 3321 | Failure to yield to driver on | |
| 23 | | the right at intersection. | 3 |
| 24 | 3322 | Failure to yield to oncoming | |
| 25 | | driver when making left turn. | 3 |
| 26 | 3323(b) | Failure to stop for stop sign. | 3 |
| 27 | 3323(c) | Failure to yield at yield | |
| 28 | | sign. | 3 |
| 29 | 3324 | Failure to yield when entering | |
| 30 | | or crossing roadway between | |

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| 1 | | intersections. | 3 |
| 2 | 3327(a) or | Duty of driver in emergency | |
| 3 | (a.1) | response area and in relation | |
| 4 | | to disabled vehicles. | 2 |
| 5 | 3332 | Improper turning around. | 3 |
| 6 | 3341(a) | Failure to obey signal | |
| 7 | | indicating approach of train. | 2 |
| 8 | 3341(b) | Failure to comply with | |
| 9 | | crossing gate or barrier. | 4 |
| 10 | | (and 30 days' suspension) | |
| 11 | 3342(b) or (e) | Failure to stop at railroad | |
| 12 | | crossings. | 4 |
| 13 | 3344 | Failure to stop when entering | |
| 14 | | from alley, driveway or | |
| 15 | | building. | 3 |
| 16 | 3345(a) | Failure to stop for school bus | |
| 17 | | with flashing red lights. | 5 |
| 18 | | (and 60 days' suspension) | |
| 19 | <u>3345(b)</u> | <u>Failure to proceed past school</u> | |
| 20 | | <u>bus with caution and prepare</u> | |
| 21 | | <u>to stop when amber signal</u> | |
| 22 | | <u>lights are flashing.</u> | 2 |
| 23 | <u>3345(f.1)</u> | <u>Failure to stop for school bus</u> | <u>As provided</u> |
| 24 | | <u>for transportation of disabled</u> | <u>under</u> |
| 25 | | <u>persons.</u> | <u>section</u> |
| 26 | | | <u>3345(a).</u> |
| 27 | 3361 | Driving too fast for | |
| 28 | | conditions. | 2 |
| 29 | 3362 | Exceeding maximum speed.--Over | |
| 30 | | Limit: | |

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| 1 | | 6-10 | 2 |
| 2 | | 11-15 | 3 |
| 3 | | 16-25 | 4 |
| 4 | | 26-30 | 5 |
| 5 | | 31-over | 5 |
| 6 | | (and departmental hearing | |
| 7 | | and sanctions provided | |
| 8 | | under section 1538(d)) | |
| 9 | 3365 (b) | Exceeding special speed limit | |
| 10 | | in school zone. | 3 |
| 11 | | (and 60 days' suspension | |
| 12 | | for a second or subsequent | |
| 13 | | offense) | |
| 14 | 3365 (c) | Exceeding special speed limit | |
| 15 | | for trucks on downgrades. | 3 |
| 16 | 3542 (a) | Failure to yield to pedestrian | |
| 17 | | in crosswalk. | 2 |
| 18 | 3547 | Failure to yield to pedestrian | |
| 19 | | on sidewalk. | 3 |
| 20 | 3549 (a) | Failure to yield to blind | |
| 21 | | pedestrian. | 3 |
| 22 | 3702 | Improper backing. | 3 |
| 23 | 3714 (a) | Careless driving. | 3 |
| 24 | 3745 | Leaving scene of accident | |
| 25 | | involving property damage | |
| 26 | | only. | 4 |

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28 § 3345. Meeting or overtaking school bus.

29 (a) Duty of approaching driver when red signals are
30 flashing.--Except as provided in subsection (g), the driver of a

1 vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a
2 highway or trafficway shall stop at least [ten] 15 feet before
3 reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school
4 bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated
5 under section 4552(b.1) (relating to general requirements for
6 school buses). The driver shall not proceed until the flashing
7 red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a
8 driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the
9 school children who may have alighted from the school bus have
10 reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching
11 an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his
12 vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal
13 lights are no longer actuated.

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15 (j) [Penalty] Penalties.--

16 (1) A person who violates subsection (a) or (f.1)
17 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be
18 sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than
19 \$500 and a \$35 surcharge. For a second or subsequent offense
20 under this paragraph, the person commits a summary offense
21 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of no
22 less than \$500 and a \$35 surcharge and attend a driver
23 improvement school or undergo a special examination. The
24 surcharge shall be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant
25 Program Account.

26 (2) A person who violates subsection (b) commits a
27 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
28 pay a fine of no less than \$100 and a \$35 surcharge. For a
29 second or subsequent offense under this paragraph, the person
30 commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be

1 sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$250 and a \$35
2 surcharge and attend a driver improvement school or undergo a
3 special examination. The surcharge shall be deposited into
4 the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account.

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