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AN ACT

Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 2 forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; 3 in rules of the road in general, further providing for racing on highways; imposing penalties; and making editorial 5 6 changes. 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 9 Section 1. Section 5803(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania 10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read: 11 § 5803. Asset forfeiture. 12 Applicability. -- Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, this section shall apply to forfeitures conducted under the 13 14 following: 15 (12.1) 75 Pa.C.S. § 3367 (relating to racing on highways 16 17 and trafficways). * * * 18 19 Section 2. Sections 1532(b)(1), 1542(b)(2), 1553(d)(11), 3367 and 6503(a) of Title 75 are amended to read: 20

- 1 § 1532. Suspension of operating privilege.
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- 3 (b) Suspension.--
- 4 (1) The department shall suspend the operating privilege
- of any driver for six months upon receiving a certified
- 6 record of the driver's conviction of or an adjudication of
- 7 delinquency based on any offense under the following
- 8 provisions:
- 9 Section 3367 (relating to racing on highways <u>and</u>
- 10 trafficways).
- 11 Section 3714(b) (relating to careless driving).
- 12 Section 3734 (relating to driving without lights to
- avoid identification or arrest).
- 14 Section 3736 (relating to reckless driving).
- Section 3743 (relating to accidents involving damage
- to attended vehicle or property).
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- 18 § 1542. Revocation of habitual offender's license.
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- 20 (b) Offenses enumerated. -- Three convictions arising from
- 21 separate acts of any one or more of the following offenses
- 22 committed by any person shall result in such person being
- 23 designated as a habitual offender:
- 24 * * *
- 25 (2) Any violation of section 3367 (relating to racing on
- 26 highways and trafficways).
- 27 * * *
- 28 § 1553. Occupational limited license.
- 29 * * *
- 30 (d) Unauthorized issuance. -- The department shall prohibit

- 1 issuance of an occupational limited license to:
- 2 * * *
- 3 (11) Any person whose operating privilege has been
- 4 suspended or revoked as the result of a conviction of or as a
- 5 result of a court order in conjunction with an adjudication
- of delinquency or the granting of a consent decree for any
- 7 offense under the following provisions, unless the suspension
- 8 or revocation has been fully served:
- 9 Section 3345(a) (relating to meeting or overtaking
- 10 school bus).
- 11 Section 3367 (relating to racing on highways and
- 12 <u>trafficways</u>).
- Any violation of Ch. 37 Subch. B (relating to serious
- 14 traffic offenses) or C (relating to accidents and
- 15 accident reports).
- 16 * * *
- 17 § 3367. Racing on highways and trafficways.
- 18 (a) Definitions. -- As used in this section the following
- 19 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 20 subsection:
- 21 "Drag race." The operation of two or more vehicles from a
- 22 point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive
- 23 attempt to outdistance each other, or the operation of one or
- 24 more vehicles over a common selected course, from the same point
- 25 to the same point, for the purpose of comparing the relative
- 26 speeds or power of acceleration of the vehicle or vehicles
- 27 within a certain distance or time limit.
- 28 "Drifting." The intentional act of steering a vehicle in a
- 29 <u>circle where the rear wheel or wheels of the vehicle lose</u>
- 30 traction and create a controlled skid sideways.

- 1 "Race." The use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to
- 2 outgain, outdistance or prevent another vehicle from passing, to
- 3 arrive at a given destination ahead of another vehicle or
- 4 vehicles, or to test the physical stamina or endurance of
- 5 drivers over long distance driving routes.
- 6 (b) General rule. -- No person shall drive a vehicle on a
- 7 highway or trafficway in any race, speed competition or contest,
- 8 drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance,
- 9 exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose of
- 10 making a speed record, and no person shall in any manner
- 11 participate in any such race, competition, contest, test or
- 12 exhibition.
- 13 (b.1) Drifting. -- No person shall engage in the drifting of a
- 14 vehicle on a highway or trafficway.
- 15 (c) Permits for special activities. -- The department or local
- 16 authorities within their jurisdiction may issue permits for
- 17 special activities which would otherwise be prohibited by this
- 18 section.
- 19 (d) [Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty
- 20 of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
- 21 pay a fine of \$200.] Penalties.--
- 22 <u>(1) A person violating subsection (b) commits a summary</u>
- offense and shall, upon conviction for a first offense, be
- sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.
- 25 (2) A person violating subsection (b) commits a summary
- offense and shall, upon conviction for a second or subsequent
- offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$2,000 and the vehicle
- 28 used in the commission of the offense shall be subject to
- forfeiture under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 58 (relating to forfeiture of
- 30 assets).

- 1 (3) A person violating subsection (b.1) commits a
- 2 <u>summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to</u>
- 3 pay a fine of \$250.
- 4 (4) A person that organizes, controls, promotes or
- 5 finances two or more persons in a course of conduct that
- 6 <u>violates subsection (b) or (b.1) commits a summary offense</u>
- 7 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of
- 8 \$1,000 per vehicle engaged in the conduct that violates
- 9 <u>subsection (b) or (b.1).</u>
- 10 (5) A person that organizes, controls, promotes or
- finances two or more persons in a course of conduct that
- 12 <u>violates subsection (b) or (b.1) that results in the injury</u>
- or death of an individual commits a felony of the third
- degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to a term of
- imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than seven
- 16 years.
- 17 § 6503. Subsequent convictions of certain offenses.
- 18 (a) General offenses.--Every person convicted of a second or
- 19 subsequent violation of any of the following provisions shall be
- 20 sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than
- 21 \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both:
- 22 Section 1543(a) (relating to driving while operating
- 23 privilege is suspended or revoked) except as set forth in
- 24 subsection (a.1).
- Section 3367 (relating to racing on highways and
- 26 trafficways).
- 27 Section 3734 (relating to driving without lights to avoid
- 28 identification or arrest).
- 29 Section 3748 (relating to false reports).
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1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.