

**PENNSYLVANIA CHILD SAFETY LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
**March 2009**

**2009 – 2010 LEGISLATION SESSION**

**Child Passenger Safety**

House Bill 183 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes, further providing for restraint systems. The bill removes the requirement of a child passenger safety seat for children 4 - 7 years in favor of a primary seat belt law for all occupants.

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/2/09

Senate Bill 153 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for general requirements for school buses the seats on each bus shall be equipped with or be fitted with retractable seat belts. Each passenger shall use a seat belt when the bus is in motion.

Referred to Transportation Committee 1/20/09

**Sudden Unexpected Death of Infants/SIDS**

Senate Bill 577 Provides for education for parents relating to sudden infant death syndrome and sudden unexpected death of infants; establishing the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program; and providing for duties of the Department of Health.

Referred to Public Health and Welfare 3/5/09

House Bill 47 Provides for education for parents relating to sudden infant death syndrome and sudden unexpected death of infants; establishing the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program; and providing for duties of the Department of Health.

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services 1/26/09

**Poisoning**

House Bill 340 Provides for lead level testing of playgrounds, schools and parks. The Department of Health will assume the responsibility of testing the paint of the above mentioned facilities in risk areas to determine the presence and levels of lead in paint.

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services 2/10/09

Senate Bill 29 Provides for the requirement of carbon monoxide detectors for apartments, hotels, multiple dwelling premises or tenement buildings. The department may impose an administrative penalty of \$100 for non-compliance.

Referred to Urban Affairs and Housing 1/20/09

**Firearms**

House Bill 346 Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for trigger locks and for handgun identification requirements.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary 2/10/09

**Other related Legislation:**

**Hand held devices and cell phone use in motor vehicles**

House Bill 307 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones by drivers of school buses and school vehicles.

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/9/09

Senate Bill 459 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones and handheld communication devices.

Referred to Transportation 3/2/09

Senate Bill 305 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the prohibition of text messaging while driving.

Referred to Transportation 2/20/09

House Bill 67 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "interactive wireless communications device"; further providing for junior driver's license, for learners' permits and for suspension of operating privilege; prohibiting interactive wireless communications devices; and further providing for accident report forms, for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports, for television equipment for restraint systems.

Referred to Committee on Transportation 1/26/09

Reported as committed 2/4/09

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Laid on the table 2/4/09

Removed from table 2/5/09

Re-committed to Appropriations 2/5/09

House Bill 657 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting certain drivers from using mobile phones (junior drivers).

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/27/09

House Bill 143 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic wireless communications devices.

Referred to Transportation 3/2/09

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