
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 461 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, HILL-EVANS AND MURT, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; and, in other required equipment, providing for
4 side underride protection systems.

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

7 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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16 "Side underride protection system." A system derived of an
17 apparatus installed between the front and rear wheels to help
18 reduce underride and prevent injuries to passenger vehicle
19 occupants, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists,

1 particularly from falling underneath the vehicle.

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3 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

4 § 4538. Side underride protection systems.

5 Every trailer with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than

6 10,000 pounds and every truck tractor with a gross vehicle

7 weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds shall be equipped with

8 side underride protection systems.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.