

CHAPTER 79. RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES

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The provisions of this Chapter 79 issued under the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1512(a) and 6103, unless otherwise noted.

Source

The provisions of this Chapter 79 adopted August 26, 1977, effective August 27, 1977, 7 Pa.B. 2422, unless otherwise noted.

§ 79.1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules pertaining to restrictions imposed on licensed drivers with respect to special mechanical control devices or other restrictions necessary to assure safe motor vehicle operation, as prescribed by 75 Pa.C.S. § 1512(a) (relating to restrictions on drivers' licenses).

§ 79.2. Loss of arm or leg.

Except as provided in § 79.3 (relating to use of prosthesis), the driver's license issued to a person who has lost one or more limbs shall be coded to indicate the type of special controls or equipment required on any vehicle driven by such person, as follows:

- (1) Amputated left leg:
 - (i) Automatic transmission.
 - (ii) Hand dimmer switch.
 - (iii) Hand emergency brake.
- (2) Amputated right leg:
 - (i) Automatic transmission.
 - (ii) Hand brake.
 - (iii) Hand gas feed.
- (3) Left arm amputated above or below the elbow:
 - (i) Automatic transmission.
 - (ii) Knob on the steering wheel.
- (4) A right arm amputated above or below the elbow:
 - (i) Automatic transmission.
 - (ii) Knob on the steering wheel.
- (5) Both legs amputated:
 - (i) Automatic transmission.
 - (ii) All hand controls.

- (6) Both hands amputated:
 - (i) Automatic type transmission.
 - (ii) Special foot control equipment.

§ 79.3. Use of prosthesis.

The driver's license issued to a person who has lost one or more limbs and uses a prosthesis in place of the lost limb or limbs shall be coded to indicate any type of special control or equipment required on any vehicle driven by such person, as determined by the examiner conducting the driving examination.

Cross References

This section cited in 67 Pa. Code § 79.2 (relating to loss of arm or leg).

§ 79.4. Loss of hearing or vision.

The driver's license issued to a person who has a hearing or vision impairment as described below shall be coded to indicate that any vehicle operated by such person be equipped with an outside mirror:

- (1) inability to hear or understand normal conversation spoken from five to six feet to the rear,
- (2) vision in either eye of 20/100 or worse, with correction.

§ 79.5. Classified drivers.

(a) *Determination.* A driver's license shall be coded to indicate that a licensee is a classified driver when it is determined, after examination:

- (1) that the person has a physical disability or condition of significance to be reported to the Department; and
- (2) that the person does not require special equipment or controls on any vehicle driven by such person.

(b) *Significance.* A classified driver coding on a license shall indicate to any investigating police officer that, although the licensee has a physical disability, they do not require special equipment or controls to drive a vehicle.

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