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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for connected vehicle service and remote
3 access and tracking.

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

6 Section 1. Chapter 45 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER F

9 CONNECTED VEHICLE SERVICE AND

10 REMOTE ACCESS AND TRACKING

11 Sec.

12 4591. Definitions.

13 4592. Connected vehicle service.

14 4593. Unauthorized use of electronic tracking device.

15 § 4591. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Abuse survivor." A person who has been issued a protection
2 order under any of the following:

3 (1) 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to protection from
4 abuse).

5 (2) 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 67 (relating to domestic and sexual
6 violence victim address confidentiality).

7 (3) 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 62A (relating to protection of
8 victims of sexual violence or intimidation).

9 "Account holder." A person who is a party to or a user of
10 services provided under a contract for connected vehicle service
11 with a covered provider and includes a subscriber, customer or
12 registered user.

13 "Connected vehicle location access." A type of connected
14 vehicle service that allows a person who is outside of a
15 vehicle, excluding a covered provider or vehicle cellular data
16 provider, to view or track the location of the vehicle,
17 including a location determined by a global positioning system
18 or a global positioning device, whether through the Internet, an
19 application-based technology or any other remote wireless
20 connectivity technology.

21 "Connected vehicle service." A capability provided by or on
22 behalf of a vehicle manufacturer that enables a person,
23 excluding a covered provider or vehicle cellular data provider,
24 to remotely obtain data from, or send commands to, a vehicle,
25 which may be accomplished through a software application that is
26 designed to be operated on a mobile device.

27 "Connected vehicle service account." An account or other
28 means by which a person enrolls in or obtains access to
29 connected vehicle service.

30 "Connected vehicle service request." A request by a driver

1 to terminate a person's access to connected vehicle service.

2 "Covered provider." A vehicle manufacturer or an entity
3 acting on behalf of the vehicle manufacturer that provides
4 connected vehicle service.

5 "Electronic tracking device." An electronic or mechanical
6 device that permits an individual to remotely determine or track
7 the position and movement of another individual or the vehicle
8 of another individual.

9 "Fleet vehicle." One or more motor vehicles:

10 (1) owned, leased or contracted for business or
11 government purposes for any of the following:

12 (i) An entity.

13 (ii) An employee of the entity.

14 (iii) An agent of the entity.

15 (iv) An individual authorized to operate the fleet
16 vehicle in compliance with a contract between the entity
17 and another party;

18 (2) held for lease or rental to the general public; or

19 (3) held for sale by a motor vehicle dealer.

20 § 4592. Connected vehicle service.

21 (a) Connected vehicle service.--A vehicle with connected
22 vehicle service shall clearly indicate to a person who is inside
23 a vehicle when a person who is outside the vehicle has accessed
24 either of the following:

25 (1) Connected vehicle service.

26 (2) Connected vehicle location access.

27 (b) Access to connected vehicle service.--A covered provider
28 shall:

29 (1) Provide a process that includes a prominent and
30 clearly visible link entitled "HOW TO DISCONNECT REMOTE

1 VEHICLE ACCESS" on the covered provider's publicly accessible
2 Internet website to complete both of the following
3 transactions:

4 (i) Submit a connected vehicle service request.

5 (ii) Obtain a new connected vehicle service account.

6 (2) Ensure that all communications under this subchapter
7 are clear, concise and written in accessible language so that
8 drivers, including abuse survivors, receive support and clear
9 guidance throughout the process for submitting a connected
10 vehicle service request or obtaining a new connected vehicle
11 service account.

12 (c) Processing of requests.--To enhance transparency and
13 communication, the process to submit a connected vehicle service
14 request or obtain a new connected vehicle service account shall
15 be efficient, secure, user-friendly and include all of the
16 following features:

17 (1) Upon submission of a connected vehicle service
18 request or request to obtain a new connected vehicle service
19 account, the covered provider shall automatically send a
20 confirmation email to the driver acknowledging the receipt of
21 the request. The email shall contain a reference number for
22 the request and an outline of the subsequent steps in the
23 process.

24 (2) Upon completing the review of the request, the
25 covered provider shall inform the driver of the action taken,
26 including, as applicable, whether a person's access to
27 connected vehicle service has been terminated or if
28 additional information or proof of legal possession of the
29 vehicle is needed. The alert shall clearly state any relevant
30 details or further actions required from the driver to

1 complete a successful connected vehicle service request.

2 (3) If a connected vehicle service request is approved,
3 the covered provider shall provide the driver with a clear
4 explanation and guidance on how to create a driver's own
5 connected vehicle service account, if applicable, to ensure
6 that the driver can maintain control over the connected
7 vehicle service once another person's access to connected
8 vehicle service has been terminated.

9 (d) Legal authority to terminate access to connected vehicle
10 service.--Termination of access shall be in accordance with the
11 following:

12 (1) A driver shall demonstrate to a covered provider the
13 authority to terminate a person's access to connected vehicle
14 service by providing both of the following:

15 (i) The vehicle identification number.

16 (ii) Proof of legal possession of the vehicle, which
17 may be a legal title to the vehicle or a dissolution
18 decree, temporary court order or domestic violence
19 restraining order that awards possession or exclusive use
20 of the vehicle to the driver. A court order awarding sole
21 possession or exclusive use of a vehicle shall take
22 priority over a vehicle title showing joint ownership for
23 purposes of this subchapter.

24 (2) A covered provider shall not require a driver to
25 provide any proof of legal possession other than what is
26 required in paragraph (1) to establish the authority to
27 terminate a person's access to connected vehicle service.

28 (3) A covered provider shall not require a driver to
29 take any action to terminate a person's access to connected
30 vehicle service other than what is set forth in this

1 subsection, including requiring any of the following:

2 (i) Payment of a fee, penalty or other charge to
3 complete a connected vehicle service request.

4 (ii) Maintaining or extending the term of a
5 connected vehicle service account.

6 (iii) Approval by any account holder, including the
7 named account holder, of the change in access.

8 (iv) An increase in the rate charged for the
9 connected vehicle service.

10 (4) A covered provider shall terminate a person's access
11 to connected vehicle service within two business days after
12 the date of receiving a completed request from a driver who
13 meets the requirements of this section.

14 (e) Termination of connected vehicle service.--

15 (1) The covered provider:

16 (i) If a covered provider terminated a person's
17 access to connected vehicle service in response to a
18 connected vehicle service request, shall not provide to
19 the person any data or information regarding the driver,
20 the vehicle or any new connected vehicle service account
21 that was generated after that person's access to the
22 connected vehicle service was terminated.

23 (ii) Shall ensure that all personal information
24 provided during the process to terminate a person's
25 access to connected vehicle service is handled with
26 appropriate security and privacy, adhering to relevant
27 data protection laws and regulations.

28 (iii) Along with an officer, director, employee,
29 vendor or agent of the covered provider, shall treat any
30 information submitted by a driver under this subchapter

1 as confidential and shall comply with applicable privacy
2 laws.

3 (iv) Shall not share information submitted by a
4 driver under this subchapter with any third party without
5 the affirmative consent of the driver, unless sharing
6 that information is required to effectuate a connected
7 vehicle service request.

8 (2) Nothing in this section shall preclude a covered
9 provider from responding to a court order or warrant.

10 (3) The termination under this subchapter shall not be
11 deemed to impact legal ownership of a vehicle.

12 (f) Disabling connected vehicle location access.--

13 (1) If a vehicle includes connected vehicle location
14 access, a covered provider shall provide a mechanism that can
15 be used by a driver who is inside a vehicle to immediately
16 disable connected vehicle location access. A mechanism for
17 disabling connected vehicle location access shall meet all of
18 the following requirements:

19 (i) Be prominently located and easy to use.

20 (ii) Not require access to, or use of, a remote or
21 online application.

22 (iii) Not require account creation, a password or
23 login information.

24 (iv) Allow connected vehicle location access that
25 has been disabled from inside the vehicle to be enabled
26 only by a driver who is located inside the vehicle.

27 (2) A vehicle manufacturer may require a driver to input
28 a mobile phone number associated with the connected vehicle
29 service account. If a vehicle manufacturer requires a driver
30 to input a mobile phone number in order to disable the

1 connected vehicle location access connection, the
2 manufacturer shall not require any further information in
3 order to allow the driver to disable the connection,
4 including using that number as part of a two-factor
5 authentication process that results in sending a code to the
6 mobile phone number.

7 (3) Disabling the connected vehicle location access from
8 inside the vehicle shall not result in an account holder of
9 the connected vehicle service, vehicle manufacturer or a
10 third-party service provider receiving a notification related
11 to the connected vehicle location access being disabled,
12 including an alert, email, text message or telephone call.

13 (g) Liability.--A covered provider or an officer, director,
14 employee, vendor or agent of a covered provider shall not be
15 subject to liability for any claims deriving from an action
16 taken in compliance with this subchapter.

17 (h) Exclusions.--This section does not apply to vehicles
18 owned or operated by a rental company.

19 § 4593. Unauthorized use of electronic tracking device.

20 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
21 unauthorized use of an electronic tracking device if the person
22 installs or places an electronic tracking device without
23 consent, or causes an electronic tracking device to be installed
24 or placed on or in the vehicle of another person without
25 consent, and uses the electronic tracking device to track the
26 location of the other person or the other person's vehicle
27 within this Commonwealth.

28 (b) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to the
29 installation, placement or use of an electronic tracking device:

30 (1) By an investigative officer, law enforcement officer

1 or agency, while conducting an investigation, if the officer
2 or agency is engaged in the lawful performance of official
3 duties and in accordance with other Federal and State laws.

4 (2) Under a court order or as part of supervision for a
5 pretrial diversionary program, probation or parole.

6 (3) Unless prohibited by court order, by the parent or
7 legal guardian of a minor when tracking the minor or by a
8 person authorized by the parent or legal guardian to serve as
9 a caretaker of the minor at any time when the minor is under
10 the caretaker's sole care, if:

11 (i) the parents or legal guardians are lawfully
12 married to each other and not separated or otherwise
13 living apart;

14 (ii) the parent or legal guardian is the sole
15 surviving parent or legal guardian of the minor;

16 (iii) the parent or legal guardian has primary
17 physical custody of the minor while the electronic
18 tracking device is installed and monitored; or

19 (iv) the parents or legal guardians are divorced,
20 separated or otherwise living apart and both consent to
21 the installation of and monitoring by the electronic
22 tracking device.

23 (4) By a legal authorized guardian of an incapacitated
24 person as defined in 20 Pa.C.S. § 5902 (relating to
25 definitions) or by a caregiver or family member of a senior
26 citizen or an adult with a disability, if a physician of the
27 senior citizen or adult with a disability recommends the
28 installation of an electronic tracking device or tracking
29 application to ensure the safety of the senior citizen or
30 adult with a disability.

1 (5) By the owner, lessee or contractor of a fleet
2 vehicle who installs or directs the installation of the
3 electronic tracking device on the vehicle during the period
4 of ownership, lease or contract if:

5 (i) the electronic tracking device is removed before
6 the vehicle's title is transferred or the vehicle's lease
7 expires;

8 (ii) the new owner of the vehicle, in the case of a
9 sale; the lessor of the vehicle, in the case of an
10 expired lease; or the contractor, in the case of an
11 expired contractual arrangement, consents in writing to
12 the nonremoval of the electronic tracking device; or

13 (iii) the owner of the vehicle at the time of the
14 installation of the electronic traffic device was the
15 original manufacturer of the vehicle.

16 (6) By an electronic communications provider to the
17 extent that the installation, placement or use is disclosed
18 in the provider's terms of use, privacy policy or similar
19 document and accepted by the customer.

20 (7) By a person acting in good faith or on behalf of a
21 business entity for a legitimate business interest.

22 (c) Venue for unauthorized location tracking offense.--An
23 offense committed under subsection (a) may be deemed to have
24 been committed where:

25 (1) the information was received;

26 (2) the victim resides; or

27 (3) the property is located.

28 (d) Grading for unauthorized location tracking offense.--

29 (1) A first offense under this section constitutes a
30 misdemeanor of the second degree.

1 (2) A second or subsequent offense under this section
2 constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree.

3 Section 2. The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 4592(b), (c), (d),
4 (e), (f), (g) and (h) shall apply to vehicles that have
5 connected vehicle service.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

7 (1) The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 4592(a) shall take
8 effect January 1, 2028.

9 (2) The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 4592(b), (c), (d), (e),
10 (f), (g) and (h) shall take effect July 1, 2025.

11 (3) This section shall take effect immediately.

12 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
13 days.