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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 737 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, MURT,  
HILL-EVANS, SAINATO, MILLARD, HOWARD, NEILSON, PASHINSKI AND  
CIRESI, MARCH 6, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 6, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and  
3 related offenses, providing for the offense of transporting  
4 dogs in external section of vehicle.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5538.1. Transporting dogs in external section of vehicle.

10 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be prohibited to carry or  
11 cause or allow to be carried a dog on the hood, roof, truck bed  
12 or any other external section of a vehicle on a public road in  
13 this Commonwealth.

14 (b) Grading.--Upon conviction, a violation under this  
15 section shall be a summary offense punishable by:

16 (1) A fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$150 for a  
17 first violation.

18 (2) A fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$300 for

1 a second violation.

2 (3) A fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 or  
3 imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for a third  
4 or subsequent violation.

5 (c) Exception.--This section shall not apply to a dog  
6 transported in a secured insulated cage or container which is  
7 designed to facilitate the safe transportation of a dog and will  
8 prevent the dog from being exposed to outside weather conditions  
9 and from falling, jumping or being thrown from the vehicle.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.