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Vehicle Doors Required for Safety Inspection

Effective Friday, September 13, 2024, amendments to Title 75 (Vehicle Code) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, specifically Section 4107(a)(1) and (b), have been enacted. These amendments pertain to equipment standards and unlawful activities, as well as other required equipment, including restraint systems. Notably, new provisions have been added under Subsection (b.2)(1) and (2) concerning vehicle doors.

According to the updated legislation, if a vehicle is registered under Section 1301 (regarding registration and certificate of title requirements) and is originally equipped by the manufacturer with removable doors designed for removal and reinstallation by the vehicle owner, it may be operated on Pennsylvania roadways without these doors or with non-original equipment manufacturer doors. In such cases, the vehicle must have side mirrors, either original or installed by the owner, to ensure compliance with safety standards.

It is important to note that this subsection does not affect the requirements of Section 4534 (relating to rearview mirrors) or Section 4581 (relating to restraint systems). **To comply with section 4702 (relating to requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles), a vehicle under this subsection shall be inspected with the manufacturer-designed and manufacturer-installed doors attached.**

As outlined in the Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Regulations, Section 175.80(a)(4) remains in full effect and unchanged by this legislation. **The Inspection Procedure continues to mandate that Certified Inspection Mechanics must check the door operation, including the tailgate, and REJECT IF one or more of the following apply: (i) The doors, except a tailgate on a pick-up truck, are not on the vehicle if originally fitted by the manufacturer. (ii) The doors, including the tailgate, do not open and close securely, unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side.**

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