

# SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Know Pennsylvania's Law

**Make It Safer For Our Children!**

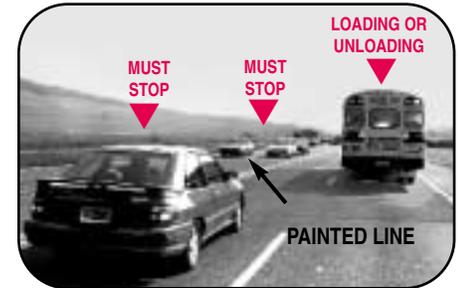


## KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- ◆ These children are transported more than 346 million miles to school each year.
- ◆ Every year children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.
- ◆ Nationwide, 8 children were killed by a vehicle passing a school bus in school year 2001/2002.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

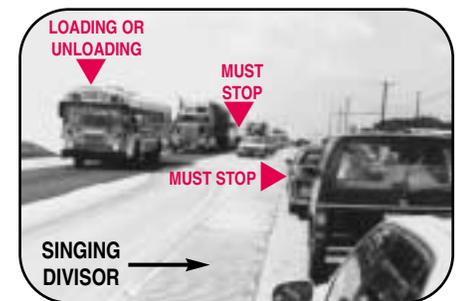
- ◆ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
- ◆ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- ◆ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- ◆ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with painted lines.



You **MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic **MUST STOP**.



You **MUST STOP** on roadways with singing divisors.

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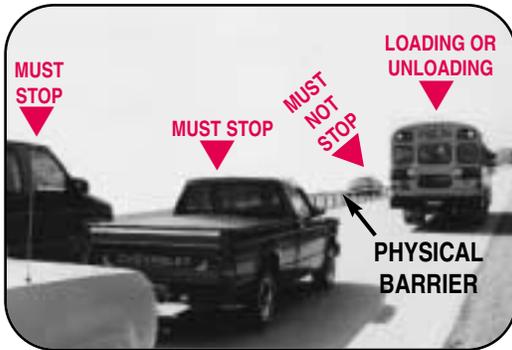
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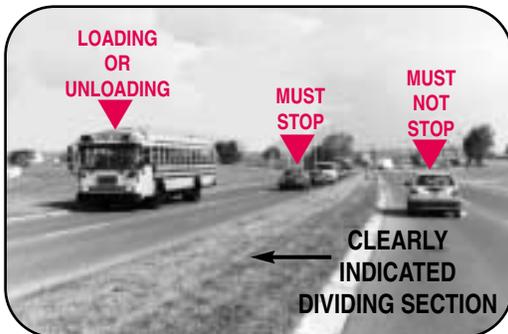
## SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers do not have to stop on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

*If In Doubt, STOP!*



Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, non-mountable curbs, etc.



Clearly indicated dividing sections include concrete mountable curbs, trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.

## PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ❖ 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- ❖ Five (5) points on your driving record
- ❖ \$250.00 Fine

*The Consequences. . .*

Annually over 1,000 motorists do not obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

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