

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, OCTOBER 1, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing FOR <--
3 ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE PLATES AND for special
4 registration plates, PROVIDING FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING <--
5 AWARENESS PLATE, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR
6 VETERANS AND PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF
7 SOLDIER'S MEDAL, FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF
8 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE AND FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR
9 VETERANS OF AN ALLY FOREIGN COUNTRY; AND, IN FEES, FURTHER
10 PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF PERSONS, ENTITIES AND VEHICLES
11 FROM FEES AND FOR FEE FOR LOCAL USE.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 1341(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania <--
15 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

16 SECTION 1. SECTION 1340(B) OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
17 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY
18 ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

19 § 1340. ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND COLLECTIBLE PLATES.

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1 (A.2) HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE PLATES.--IN LIEU OF A
2 SPECIAL PLATE ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A), THE OWNER OF A
3 HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT
4 SPECIAL PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE WHICH SHALL HAVE THE SAME FORCE
5 AND EFFECT AS ANTIQUE OR CLASSIC REGISTRATION PLATES. THE
6 APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY
7 REQUIRE FOR PROCESSING THE REQUEST AND A \$75 APPLICATION FEE.

8 (B) USE OF PLATES.--IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO OPERATE
9 A MOTORCYCLE OR VEHICLE WITH ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, VINTAGE [OR],
10 COLLECTIBLE OR HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES FOR
11 GENERAL DAILY TRANSPORTATION. PERMITTED USE SHALL BE LIMITED TO
12 PARTICIPATION IN CLUB ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITS, TOURS, PARADES,
13 OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND SIMILAR USES. OCCASIONAL
14 TRANSPORTATION SHALL MEAN NO MORE THAN ONE DAY PER WEEK.

15 (C) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "HISTORIC
16 MILITARY VEHICLE" MEANS AN ANTIQUE OR CLASSIC VEHICLE, INCLUDING
17 A TRAILER, THAT WAS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN ANY COUNTRY'S
18 MILITARY FORCES AND IS MAINTAINED TO REPRESENT THE VEHICLE'S
19 MILITARY DESIGN AND MARKINGS ACCURATELY.

20 SECTION 2. SECTION 1341(C) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ:
21 § 1341. Special registration plates.

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23 (c) Organization registration plates.--Upon request by the
24 applicant, the department is authorized to issue organization
25 registration plates. Organization registration plates may be
26 issued for special groups or for special purposes and bear an
27 appropriate designation. Special groups may charge [a] AN <--
28 INITIAL fee for authorization to request a registration plate
29 bearing the name of the group or an abbreviation of the group <--
30 name as desired by the organization. [.] OR AN ABBREVIATION OF <--

1 THE GROUP NAME DESIRED BY THE ORGANIZATION AND AS APPROVED BY
2 THE DEPARTMENT. SPECIAL GROUPS WITH MORE THAN 2,000 ORGANIZATION
3 REGISTRATION PLATES MAY CHARGE A RENEWAL FEE FOR AUTHORIZATION
4 TO RENEW A REGISTRATION PLATE BEARING THE NAME OF THE GROUP. THE
5 IMPOSITION OR COLLECTION OF INITIAL OR RENEWAL FEES FOR
6 AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST OR CONTINUE USE OF A SPECIAL GROUP'S
7 PLATE IS AT THE SPECIAL GROUP'S DISCRETION AND DOES NOT REQUIRE
8 ANY ACTION BY THE DEPARTMENT. If the vehicle is licensed to a
9 business that is not a member of the special group, the
10 department shall issue the plate as long as the business owner
11 or officer making application is a member of that group. An
12 organization registration plate may be used only on a passenger
13 car or truck, with a registered gross weight of not more than
14 14,000 pounds, trailer, motorcycle or motor home.

15 SECTION 3. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: <--
16 § 1358.2. DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS PLATE.

17 (A) DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS PLATE.--THE DEPARTMENT
18 SHALL DESIGN A DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS REGISTRATION PLATE.
19 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$40,
20 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE, THE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE PLATE FOR A MOTORCYCLE AND A
22 PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT
23 MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS OR A MOTOR HOME. THE FEE SHALL BE USED
24 EXCLUSIVELY TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON THE
25 DANGERS POSED BY DISTRACTED DRIVING, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S
26 DISCRETION.

27 (B) EXPIRATION.--THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31,
28 2025.

29 SECTION 4. SECTION 1364 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
30 SUBSECTION TO READ:

1 § 1364. SPECIAL PLATES FOR VETERANS.

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3 (C) HONORING OUR WOMEN VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY
4 PERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$35, WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION
5 TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE
7 PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS
8 BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS HONORING WOMEN VETERANS OF THE
9 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION
10 PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A
11 REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS. THE
12 VETERANS' TRUST FUND SHALL RECEIVE \$15 OF THE FEE PAID BY THE
13 APPLICANT FOR THE PLATE. THE PORTION OF THE FEE TRANSFERRED TO
14 THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED FOR
15 PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT ASSIST WOMEN VETERANS.

16 SECTION 5. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTIONS TO READ:

17 § 1368.1. SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

18 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
19 SOLDIER'S MEDAL, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH SHALL BE IN
20 ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS
21 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE
22 PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO
23 LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
24 SOLDIER'S MEDAL. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY
25 ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF
26 NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

27 § 1368.2. SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE
28 BADGE.

29 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
30 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH

1 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH
2 DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT
3 SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
4 DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO
5 IS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE. THE SPECIAL
6 REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK
7 WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

8 § 1369.3. SPECIAL PLATES FOR VETERANS OF AN ALLY FOREIGN
9 COUNTRY.

10 UPON APPLICATION OF A PERSON WHO WAS A CITIZEN OF A FOREIGN
11 COUNTRY THAT ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES IN A MILITARY
12 CONFLICT AND SERVED IN A MILITARY BRANCH OF THAT FOREIGN COUNTRY
13 DURING THE MILITARY CONFLICT, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH
14 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH
15 DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT
16 SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
17 DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO
18 IS A VETERAN OF A MILITARY BRANCH OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY THAT
19 ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES IN A MILITARY CONFLICT. THE
20 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR
21 OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000
22 POUNDS.

23 SECTION 6. SECTIONS 1901(B)(2) AND 1935(B) AND (C) OF TITLE
24 75 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

25 § 1901. EXEMPTION OF PERSONS, ENTITIES AND VEHICLES FROM FEES.

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27 (B) TITLE AND REGISTRATION FEES.--NO FEE SHALL BE CHARGED
28 FOR TITLING OR REGISTRATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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30 (2) VEHICLES REGISTERED BY VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE AND

1 AMBULANCE ASSOCIATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
2 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXEMPT A VOLUNTEER EMS COMPANY,
3 VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE AND NONPROFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL
4 SERVICES AGENCY THAT IS A NONPROFIT CHARTERED CORPORATION,
5 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH,
6 THAT IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THE EXEMPTION
7 SHALL NOT INCLUDE A CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION
8 THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION OF INVALID COACHES
9 THAT ARE INTENDED FOR THE ROUTINE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS WHO
10 ARE CONVALESCENT OR OTHERWISE NONAMBULATORY AND DO NOT
11 ORDINARILY REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT WHILE IN
12 TRANSIT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT USE ANY OTHER METHOD TO
13 DETERMINE VOLUNTEER STATUS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

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15 § 1935. FEE FOR LOCAL USE.

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17 (B) LEVY.--BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014, A COUNTY MAY,
18 IN ITS DISCRETION, BY ORDINANCE, IMPOSE [A] AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$5
19 FOR EACH NONEXEMPT VEHICLE REGISTERED TO AN ADDRESS LOCATED IN
20 THE COUNTY. A COUNTY SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PASSAGE
21 OF THE ORDINANCE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
22 ORDINANCE.

23 (C) COLLECTION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT FEES IMPOSED
24 UNDER SUBSECTION [(A)] (B) AT THE TIME A VEHICLE IS REGISTERED
25 AND SHALL DEPOSIT THE MONEY IN THE FEE FOR LOCAL USE FUND.

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27 SECTION 7. THE AMENDMENT OF 75 PA.C.S. § 1935(B) AND (C)
28 SHALL APPLY TO REGISTRATIONS ISSUED OR RENEWED ON OR AFTER THE
29 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

30 Section ~~2~~ 8. This act shall take effect ~~in 120 days~~. AS

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1 FOLLOWS:

2 (1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF 75 PA.C.S. §§
3 1340(A.2), (B) AND (C), 1341(C), 1358.2, 1364(C), 1368.1,
4 1368.2, 1369.3 AND 1901(B) (2) SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 120 DAYS.

5 (2) THE AMENDMENT OF 75 PA.C.S. § 1935(B) AND (C) SHALL
6 TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

7 (3) THIS SECTION AND THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL
8 TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.