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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for  
3 surrender of registration plates and cards upon suspension or  
4 revocation and providing for suspension of registration for  
5 failure to respond to citation; and, in fees, further  
6 providing for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle  
7 registration.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1376(b.1) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
11 Consolidated Statutes, amended November 4, 2016 (P.L.1277,  
12 No.165), is amended to read:

13 § 1376. Surrender of registration plates and cards upon  
14 suspension or revocation.

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16 (b.1) Immediate seizure of registration plates and cards.--  
17 The department may delegate authority to the persons described  
18 in this section to immediately seize registration plates and  
19 cards upon imposition of the following:

20 (1) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1374(d)(3)

1 or (4) (relating to suspension or revocation of vehicle  
2 business registration plates) until all fees, taxes and  
3 penalties have been paid;

4 (2) a suspension or revocation imposed pursuant to  
5 section 1373(b)(3) (relating to suspension of registration)  
6 or 1374(g);

7 (3) a suspension or revocation is reinstated after  
8 determination of a matter as provided in section 1377  
9 (relating to judicial review);

10 (4) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1379  
11 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid  
12 parking violation in cities of the first class) until all  
13 fines, penalties and costs have been paid; [or]

14 (5) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1380  
15 (relating to suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls)  
16 until all tolls, administrative fees and costs have been  
17 paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled or if the  
18 owner or registrant enters into an agreement with the tolling  
19 entity to make installment payments[.]; or

20 (6) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1381  
21 (relating to suspension of registration for failure to  
22 respond to citation).

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24 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

25 § 1381. Suspension of registration for failure to respond to  
26 citation.

27 (a) Suspension of registration.--The department shall  
28 suspend the registration of a vehicle upon the notification from  
29 an issuing authority or a court that the owner or registrant of  
30 the vehicle has failed to respond to a citation or summons to

1 appear before an issuing authority or a court of competent  
2 jurisdiction of this Commonwealth for any violation of this  
3 title, other than parking, or who has failed to pay or defaulted  
4 in the payment of any fine, costs or restitution imposed by an  
5 issuing authority or such courts for violation of this title.

6 (b) Notice.--At least 15 days before an issuing authority or  
7 a court notifies the department to impose a suspension under  
8 subsection (a), the issuing authority or court shall provide the  
9 owner or registrant written notice of the requirement to respond  
10 to the citation and pay all fines, restitution and penalties  
11 imposed by the issuing authority or court.

12 (c) Period of suspension.--A suspension under subsection (a)  
13 shall continue until the department receives notice from the  
14 issuing authority or court that the owner or registrant  
15 responded to the citation and paid all fines, restitution and  
16 penalties imposed or entered into an agreement with the issuing  
17 authority or court to make installment payments for the fines,  
18 restitution and penalties imposed. The suspension may be  
19 reimposed by the department if the defendant fails to make  
20 regular installment payments and, if applicable, pays the fee  
21 prescribed in section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of  
22 operating privilege or vehicle registration).

23 (d) Violations outside Commonwealth.--

24 (1) The department shall suspend the registration of a  
25 vehicle of any owner or registrant who has failed to respond  
26 to a citation to appear before a court of competent  
27 jurisdiction of the United States or any state that has  
28 entered into an enforcement agreement with the department, as  
29 authorized under section 6146 (relating to enforcement  
30 agreements), for any violation of the motor vehicle laws of

1 such state, other than parking, or who has failed to pay any  
2 fine or costs imposed by such court upon being duly notified  
3 in accordance with the laws of such jurisdiction in which the  
4 violation occurred.

5 (2) An owner or registrant who provides proof  
6 satisfactory to the department that the full amount of the  
7 fine and costs has been forwarded to and received by the  
8 other state shall not be regarded as having failed to pay for  
9 the purposes of this subsection.

10 (e) Admissibility of documents.--A copy of a document issued  
11 by an issuing authority or a court of this Commonwealth or by an  
12 official of another state shall be admissible for the purpose of  
13 proving a violation of this section.

14 Section 3. Section 1960 of Title 75, amended November 4,  
15 2016 (P.L.1277, No.165), is amended to read:

16 § 1960. Reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle  
17 registration.

18 The department shall charge a fee of \$70 or, if section 1379  
19 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid  
20 parking violation in cities of the first class), 1380 (relating  
21 to suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls), 1381 (relating  
22 to suspension of registration for failure to respond to  
23 citation) or 1786(d) (relating to required financial  
24 responsibility) applies, a fee of \$88 to restore a person's  
25 operating privilege or the registration of a vehicle following a  
26 suspension or revocation.

27 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 180 days.