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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 31, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; in fees, providing for recreational trailers and
4 for special procedures for trailer registration; and, in
5 size, weight and load, further providing for registered gross
6 weight.

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

9 Section 1. The definition of "recreational trailer" in
10 section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended to read:

12 § 102. Definitions.

13 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
14 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
15 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
16 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
17 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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19 "Recreational trailer." A trailer designed or adapted [and

1 used exclusively for recreational purposes.]:

2 (1) to provide temporary living quarters for
3 noncommercial recreational, camping or travel use; or

4 (2) for the purposes of transporting animals or vehicles
5 for noncommercial recreational use, such as a horse trailer,
6 watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer.

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8 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

9 § 1920.1. Recreational trailers.

10 (a) General rule.--The annual fee for registration of a
11 recreational trailer shall be determined by its registered gross
12 weight according to the following table:

<u>Registered Gross</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Weight in Pounds</u>	
<u>8,000 or less</u>	<u>\$12</u>
<u>8,001 - 13,000</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>13,001 or more</u>	<u>90</u>

18 (b) Optional five-year registration.--A recreational trailer
19 with a registered gross weight of 13,000 pounds or less may be
20 registered for a period of five years upon payment by the
21 registrant of the applicable fee for such period.

22 (c) Optional permanent registration.--The following apply:

23 (1) A recreational trailer with a registered gross
24 weight of 13,001 or more pounds may be registered for a one-
25 time fee of \$425 in lieu of the annual fee at the option of
26 the registrant.

27 (2) A permanent registration of a recreational trailer
28 under this section may be transferred to another recreational
29 trailer one time upon payment of the fee under section 1927
30 (relating to transfer of registration).

1 § 1920.2. Special procedures for trailer registration.

2 (a) General rule.--Application for the registration of a
3 trailer, including a recreational trailer, shall be made upon an
4 appropriate form furnished by the department. The form shall
5 contain the definition of recreational trailer as set forth
6 under section 102 (relating to definitions), and the applicant
7 must certify, if applicable, that the trailer meets the
8 definition.

9 (b) Penalty.--An applicant who falsely certifies that a
10 trailer is a recreational trailer on an application for a
11 trailer registration is subject to the penalty under 18 Pa.C.S.
12 § 4904(b) (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

13 Section 3. Section 4942(c) of Title 75 is amended to read:

14 § 4942. Registered gross weight.

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16 (c) Combination.--No combination containing a trailer having
17 a gross weight or registered gross weight in excess of 10,000
18 pounds shall be operated with a gross weight in excess of the
19 registered gross weight of the truck or truck tractor for a
20 combination. This subsection shall not apply to a combination of
21 vehicles consisting of a motor vehicle towing a recreational
22 trailer as long as the combination weight does not exceed the
23 gross combination weight rating.

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