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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for the registration of noncommercial
3 trucks.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definition of "truck" in section 102 of Title
7 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is amended and a definition
9 is added to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

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

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17 "Noncommercial truck." For the purposes of Chapter 13
18 (relating to registration of vehicles), a motor vehicle designed

primarily for the transportation of property, which:

(1) is not used or maintained for commercial purposes or for hire;

(2) does not have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) in excess of 9,000 pounds; and

(3) does not bear any advertising, signs, lettering, names or addresses on its exterior, except for trademarks and labels of the manufacturer and dealer.

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"Truck." A motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property. The term includes "noncommercial trucks" except as otherwise specifically provided for the purposes of Chapter 13.

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Section 2. Section 1304 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1304. Registration criteria.

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(h) Noncommercial trucks.--The department shall, at the option of the applicant, register as a noncommercial truck any truck which meets the criteria enumerated in the definition of noncommercial vehicle in section 102 (relating to definitions). The noncommercial truck shall be registered at the maximum registered gross weight allowed pursuant to subsection (d) but in no event greater than 9,000 pounds.

Section 3. Subsection (a) of section 1305 of Title 75 is amended to read:

§ 1305. Application for registration.

(a) General rule.--Application for the registration of a vehicle shall be made to the department upon the appropriate

1 form or forms furnished by the department. The application shall
2 contain the full name and address of the owner or owners; the
3 make, model, year and vehicle identification number of the
4 vehicle; and such other information as the department may
5 require. Applicants for registration of a truck, truck tractor,
6 noncommercial truck, trailer or bus shall provide the vehicle's
7 Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or the Gross Combination
8 Weight Rating (GCWR), as applicable. If the manufacturer's
9 ratings are not available, the applicant shall provide
10 sufficient information as to the horsepower, braking capacity
11 and such other data as necessary for the department to determine
12 an equivalent measure of the vehicle's hauling and stopping
13 capability. If the applicant wishes to register a vehicle at a
14 registered gross weight less than the gross vehicle weight
15 rating, the application shall include information as to weight,
16 load and any other such information as the department may
17 require. Applications and renewals for noncommercial truck
18 registration shall contain an affidavit that the truck meets the
19 criteria for such registration and that it will not be used or
20 operated in violation of such registration criteria for the
21 duration of the registration period. The application shall be
22 accompanied by proof of insurance and the applicable fee.

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24 Section 4. Section 1308 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
25 subsection to read:

26 § 1308. Issuance of registration card.

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28 (f) Noncommercial trucks.--The registration card for a
29 noncommercial truck shall indicate the registered gross weight
30 of the noncommercial truck which shall be the lesser of the

1 vehicle's maximum gross weight allowed pursuant to section
2 1304(d) (relating to registration criteria) or 9,000 pounds.

3 Section 5. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

4 § 1372.1. Unauthorized use of noncommercial truck.

5 (a) General rule.--No person shall operate and no owner
6 shall permit to be operated on any highway a vehicle registered
7 as a noncommercial truck which is not in conformance with the
8 registration and operation criteria for noncommercial trucks.

9 (b) Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty of
10 a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to
11 pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300.

12 § 1916.1. Noncommercial trucks.

13 The annual fee for registration of a noncommercial truck
14 shall be \$24.

15 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.