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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 12, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, exempting recipients of the Congressional Medal of
3 Honor from all title and registration fees. ~~and increasing~~ <—
4 ~~income limitation for retired persons who are eligible to pay~~
5 ~~a processing fee in lieu of a registration fee.~~

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

8 Section 1. Section 1901 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes, AMENDED DECEMBER 13, 1985 (P.L.327, <—
10 NO.86), is amended to read:

11 § 1901. Exemption of entities and vehicles from fees.

12 (a) Governmental and quasi-governmental entities.--Except as
13 otherwise specifically provided in this title, no fees shall be
14 charged under this title to any of the following:

- 15 (1) The Commonwealth.
16 (2) Political subdivisions.
17 (3) State and local authorities.
18 (4) The Federal Government.

1 (5) Other states.

2 (b) Title and registration fees.--No fee shall be charged  
3 for titling or registration of any of the following:

4 (1) Buses registered by urban mass transportation  
5 systems.

6 (2) Vehicles registered by volunteer fire, rescue and  
7 ambulance associations.

8 (3) Vehicles registered by foreign nationals with the  
9 rank of vice consul or higher assigned to a consulate in this  
10 Commonwealth provided that citizens of the United States are  
11 granted reciprocal exemptions.

12 (4) Vehicles of totally disabled veterans whose  
13 disability is certified by the United States Veterans'  
14 Administration as service-connected.

15 (5) Vehicles of any person who was awarded the  
16 Congressional Medal of Honor.

17 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No  
18 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any  
19 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to  
20 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the  
21 registration:

22 (1) Hospital.

23 (2) Humane society.

24 (3) Nonprofit youth center.

25 (4) American Red Cross.

26 (5) Church.

27 (6) Girl Scouts of America.

28 (7) Boy Scouts of America.

29 (8) Salvation Army.

30 (9) Duly chartered posts of national veterans'

1 organizations.

2 (10) Young Men's Christian Association.

3 (11) Young Men's Hebrew Association.

4 (12) Young Women's Christian Association.

5 (13) Young Women's Hebrew Association.

6 (14) Jewish Community Center.

7 (15) Nonprofit corporations of musical marching groups  
8 of youths.

9 (16) Any person who is retired and receiving social  
10 security or other pension and whose total income does not  
11 exceed [~~\$9,000~~] ~~\$12,000~~ \$14,999 per year. Unless the retired ←  
12 person is physically or mentally incapable of driving the  
13 vehicle, the retired person shall be the principal driver of  
14 the vehicle but may from time to time authorize another  
15 person to drive the vehicle in his or her stead. The total  
16 amount of money which is annually lost due to benefits  
17 received by those individuals who are eligible for or are  
18 receiving benefits pursuant to the act of March 11, 1971  
19 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the "Senior Citizens Rebate and  
20 Assistance Act," by the Department of Transportation by  
21 operation of this paragraph based on the difference between  
22 the normal registration fee and the processing fee shall be  
23 appropriated from the Lottery Fund to the Motor License Fund.  
24 The Governor is hereby authorized to annually transfer from  
25 the Lottery Fund the necessary amount of money to reimburse  
26 the Motor License Fund pursuant to this paragraph. Such money  
27 is hereby specifically appropriated to the Motor License Fund  
28 to be expended by the Department of Transportation with the  
29 approval of the Governor.

30 (17) Any veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became

1 partially paralyzed while serving in the armed forces of the  
2 United States.

3 (18) A person who, as a member of the armed forces of  
4 the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War  
5 I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict  
6 or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of  
7 Defense authorizes a campaign medal.

8 [(19) Any person who has been awarded the Congressional  
9 Medal of Honor.]

10 (d) Limitations.--

11 (1) Vehicles titled and registered under the provisions  
12 of this section shall be operated and used exclusively for  
13 the purpose for which the vehicles were entitled to the  
14 exemptions from fees.

15 (2) Only one passenger vehicle or one other vehicle with  
16 a gross weight or registered gross weight of not more than  
17 9,000 pounds may be registered to any person under the  
18 provisions of subsection (b)(4) and (5) and subsection  
19 (c)(16) [and (17)], (17) and (18).

20 (e) Penalty.--Any person violating the provisions of this  
21 section is guilty of a summary offense.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.