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JOHNSON, STISH AND MICHLOVIC, JANUARY 30, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 30, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for lost or stolen registration  
3 plates.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1333 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1333. Lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.

9 (a) Application for new plate.--The registrant of the  
10 vehicle shall within 48 hours of discovering the loss, theft or  
11 defacement apply to the department for a new plate and report  
12 the loss or theft of a plate to the police.

13 (b) Substitute registration.--Where the registration plate  
14 has been lost or stolen and is not discovered by or returned to  
15 the registrant within seven days of the loss or theft, and in

1 any other case in which the department may deem it advisable,  
2 the original registration shall be cancelled and substitute  
3 registration issued under a new registration number other than  
4 that originally issued. Upon receipt of substitute registration,  
5 it shall be the duty of the registrant to return the old  
6 registration plates and card to the department, unless lost or  
7 destroyed.

8 (c) Affidavit to avoid penalty.--No owner or operator of a  
9 vehicle shall be subject to a fine for the reason that the  
10 registration plate is missing if they have in their possession  
11 an affidavit that the plate was lost or stolen and that  
12 application for new plate or plates was made within 48 hours as  
13 required in this section.

14 (d) Discovery or return of lost or stolen plate.--If a lost  
15 or stolen plate is discovered by or returned to the registrant  
16 within seven days of the loss or theft, the registrant shall  
17 have the right to retain the original registration. The  
18 registrant shall give the department prompt notice of the  
19 discovery or return of the plate and the department shall cancel  
20 any substitute registration.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.