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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 7, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for certain veterans plates; and further
3 providing for permit for movement of containerized cargo.

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

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

8 § 1362. Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans plate.

9 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
10 liberation or occupation of Iraq, accompanied by a fee of \$20,
11 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by
12 documentation as the department shall require, the department
13 shall issue to the person a special registration plate

1 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
2 is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3 § 1363. Operation Enduring Freedom veterans plate.

4 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
5 liberation or occupation of Afghanistan, accompanied by a fee of
6 \$20, which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee
7 and by documentation as the department shall require, the
8 department shall issue to the person a special registration
9 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
10 person who is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.

11 § 1364. Special plates for veterans.

12 Upon application of any person who is an honorably discharged
13 veteran of the armed forces of the United States, or a reserve
14 component of the armed forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301
15 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
16 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
17 documentation as the department shall require, the department
18 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
19 designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a
20 veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

21 Section 2. Section 4974 of Title 75 is amended to read:

22 ~~§ 4974. Permit for movement of containerized cargo.~~

23 ~~(a) General rule. An annual permit may be issued~~
24 ~~authorizing the movement on highways of containerized cargo~~
25 ~~which exceeds the maximum vehicle gross or maximum axle weights~~
26 ~~specified in Subchapter C (relating to maximum weights of~~
27 ~~vehicles). [The] Except as set forth in subsection (b), the~~
28 ~~weight of any combination permitted under this section shall not~~
29 ~~exceed 90,000 pounds overall gross weight and 21,000 pounds on~~
30 ~~any axle. A brake retarder is not required on a combination~~

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~~permitted under this section while the combination is operated within the counties which comprise the district of a port of a city of the first class. A vehicle operating under a permit authorized under this section may be driven 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except on holidays and in inclement weather.~~

~~(b) Refrigerated meat products. A combination of vehicles which is hauling refrigerated meat products to or from a port of a city of the first class may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the gross weight does not exceed 110,000 pounds and if the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds.~~

§ 4974. PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF CONTAINERIZED CARGO. <—

(A) GENERAL RULE.--AN ANNUAL PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE MOVEMENT ON HIGHWAYS OF CONTAINERIZED CARGO WHICH EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM VEHICLE GROSS OR MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHTS SPECIFIED IN SUBCHAPTER C (RELATING TO MAXIMUM WEIGHTS OF VEHICLES). [THE] EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B), THE WEIGHT OF ANY COMBINATION PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 90,000 POUNDS OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT AND 21,000 POUNDS ON ANY AXLE. A BRAKE RETARDER IS NOT REQUIRED ON A COMBINATION PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE THE COMBINATION IS OPERATED WITHIN THE COUNTIES [WHICH COMPRISE THE DISTRICT OF A PORT OF A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS.] OF BUCKS, CHESTER, DELAWARE, MONTGOMERY AND PHILADELPHIA. A VEHICLE OPERATING UNDER A PERMIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE DRIVEN 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, EXCEPT ON HOLIDAYS AND IN INCLEMENT WEATHER.

(B) REFRIGERATED MEAT PRODUCTS.--AN ANNUAL PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE MOVEMENT ON SPECIFIED HIGHWAYS OF CONTAINERIZED CARGO CONSISTING OF REFRIGERATED MEAT PRODUCTS

1 WHICH EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM VEHICLE GROSS WEIGHT OR MAXIMUM AXLE
2 WEIGHTS SPECIFIED IN SUBCHAPTER C, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
3 CONDITIONS:

4 (1) THE VEHICLE MUST BE A SIX-AXLE COMBINATION - THREE-
5 AXLE TRUCK TRACTOR.

6 (2) GROSS VEHICULAR WEIGHT MUST NOT EXCEED 107,500
7 POUNDS.

8 (3) MAXIMUM WEIGHT ON ANY AXLE MUST NOT EXCEED 21,000
9 POUNDS.

10 (4) SPECIFIED HIGHWAYS AND ROUTES MAY ONLY BE PERMITTED
11 IN THE COUNTIES OF BUCKS, CHESTER, DELAWARE, MONTGOMERY AND
12 PHILADELPHIA.

13 (5) TRAVEL IS AUTHORIZED 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A
14 WEEK, EXCEPT ON HOLIDAYS AND IN INCLEMENT WEATHER.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.