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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1424** Session of  
2008

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KITCHEN AND STACK, MAY 22, 2008

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
MAY 22, 2008

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), entitled  
2 "An act providing for the State Board of Vehicle  
3 Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons; and providing  
4 penalties," providing for licensing cost.

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

7 Section 1. The act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84),  
8 known as the Board of Vehicles Act, is amended by adding a  
9 section to read:

10 Section 27.1 Licensing cost.

11 (a) Licensing cost.--Subject to the limitations established  
12 under subsection (c), a licensed dealer who has a contract with  
13 the Department of Transportation pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §  
14 1331(f)(6) (relating to issuance and reissuance of registration  
15 plates) may charge the purchaser of a vehicle a licensing cost  
16 authorized under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 19 (relating to fees), to  
17 include any of the following:

18 (1) The actual cost incurred by the dealer for fees

1 associated with titling and registering the vehicle,  
2 including messenger fees, notary fees and electronic  
3 transaction fees.

4 (2) A documentary preparation fee for:

5 (i) Preparation and completion of documents required  
6 under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles).

7 (ii) Collection and submission of taxes payable by  
8 the purchaser.

9 (iii) Preparation of any other information  
10 associated with titling and registration of a vehicle.

11 (b) Out-of-State title.--The provisions of subsection (a)  
12 shall apply whether or not the purchaser intends to title and  
13 register the vehicle outside this Commonwealth.

14 (c) Limitations.--The following limitations shall apply:

15 (1) A dealer which provides electronic transaction  
16 services for documents under subsection (a)(2) may impose a  
17 maximum charge of \$120.

18 (2) A dealer which does not provide electronic  
19 transaction services for document preparation under  
20 subsection (a)(2) may impose a maximum charge of \$100.

21 (d) Adjustment.--Beginning in January 2010, and annually  
22 thereafter, the licensing cost for documentary preparation shall  
23 be adjusted in accordance with the Federal Consumer Price Index  
24 for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for all items as published by  
25 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
26 Statistics, for the previous 12-month period on a cumulative  
27 basis. Any adjustment which is less than 50¢ shall be rounded  
28 down to the next lowest dollar amount and any adjustment which  
29 is 50¢ or greater shall be rounded up to the next highest dollar  
30 amount.

1        (e) Fees.--Licensing costs under this section shall not be  
2 considered fees for purposes of section 30 or 31.

3        Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.