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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for  
3 redesigned registration plate system.

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 a section to read:

8 § 1331.1. Redesigned registration plate system.

9 (a) Plate design.--The department shall approve a design and  
10 establish protocols for the implementation of a redesigned  
11 registration plate system for motor vehicles registered in this  
12 Commonwealth. The new design for registration plates shall  
13 incorporate, but not be limited to, the following:

14 (1) The utilization of commonly recognized and easily  
15 identifiable symbols. Each symbol shall have a corresponding  
16 three-character alphanumeric reference, with no more than two  
17 characters identifying the symbol and one character  
18 representing the location of the symbol on the registration

1 plate. Both the symbol and the references may be placed in a  
2 variety of locations on the registration plate.

3 (2) The reduction of the number of standard alphanumeric  
4 characters currently utilized for registration plates to no  
5 more than a total of four.

6 The department may, in carrying out the provisions of this  
7 section, enter into one or more contracts for the design,  
8 development, implementation, maintenance or production of the  
9 redesigned registration plate system.

10 (b) Exemptions.--The following registration plates are not  
11 subject to the requirements of this section:

12 (1) Personal registration plates provided for in this  
13 subchapter.

14 (2) Organization registration plates provided for in  
15 this subchapter.

16 (c) Implementation.--The redesigned registration plate  
17 system shall be implemented in accordance with section 1331(f)  
18 (relating to issuance and reissuance of registration plates).

19 (d) Training.--The department shall develop training  
20 protocols for utilization of the redesigned registration plate  
21 for public safety officers.

22 (e) Regulations.--The department may promulgate such rules  
23 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.