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DiSANTO, DECEMBER 14, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 14, 2021

AN ACT

1 Limiting assignment of State-owned vehicles; prohibiting long-
2 term vehicle leases for public officials and employees; and
3 providing for duties of the Department of General Services.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State Vehicle
8 Limitations Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Judicial official." Any of the following:

14 (1) A justice of the Supreme Court.

15 (2) A judge of the Commonwealth Court.

16 (3) A judge of the Superior Court.

17 (4) A judge of a court of common pleas.

18 (5) A magisterial district judge.

1 (6) A judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

2 (7) A judge of the Pittsburgh Magistrate's Court.

3 (8) A judge of the Traffic Court of Philadelphia.

4 (9) An appointive judicial officer, including an
5 arbitrator, auditor, commissioner to take oaths and
6 depositions, custodian, examiner, guardian, master, mental
7 health review officer, receiver, referee, trustee, viewer and
8 other like officers.

9 "State employee." An individual employed by the
10 Commonwealth.

11 "State official." An individual elected by the public or
12 elected or appointed by a governmental body or an appointed
13 official in the executive or legislative branch of the
14 Commonwealth.

15 "State-owned vehicle." A vehicle that is owned by the
16 Commonwealth. The term does not include a vehicle used for law
17 enforcement purposes by a person that has arrest powers.

18 Section 3. Limitations on State-owned vehicle leases.

19 (a) General rule.--Except as stated in subsection (b):

20 (1) No State official, judicial official or State
21 employee may be assigned a State-owned vehicle on a permanent
22 or long-term basis.

23 (2) No Commonwealth funds may be used to lease a vehicle
24 on a long-term basis to or on behalf of a State official,
25 judicial official or State employee.

26 (b) Emergency response.--This section does not apply to a
27 State official, judicial official or State employee whose
28 official duties require the assignment or lease of a vehicle for
29 emergency response.

30 Section 4. Existing lease agreements.

1 In the case of a lease of a vehicle entered into prior to the
2 effective date of this section, rules and procedures in effect
3 prior to the effective date of this section shall apply until
4 the expiration of the lease.

5 Section 5. Duties of Department of General Services.

6 The Department of General Services shall develop and
7 implement standards designed to increase cost-effective and
8 efficient use of State-owned vehicles under its control.

9 Section 6. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.