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COLAFELLA, JUNE 23, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 23, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for an Independence National Historical  
3 Park license plate; establishing the Independence National  
4 Historical Park Fund; and further providing for the duties of  
5 the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 1361. Independence National Historical Park plate.

11 The department, in consultation with Eastern National and the  
12 Independence National Historical Park of the United States  
13 National Park Service, shall design an Independence National  
14 Historical Park registration plate. Upon application of any  
15 person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition  
16 to the annual registration fee, the department shall issue the  
17 plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a  
18 registered gross vehicle weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

1 The Independence National Historical Park Fund shall receive \$15  
2 of each additional fee for this plate.

3 Section 2. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding a  
4 subsection to read:

5 § 1905. Payments to special funds.

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7 (d) Independence National Historical Park Fund.--Fifteen  
8 dollars of each fee received under section 1361 (relating to  
9 Independence National Historical Park plate) shall be credited  
10 to the Independence National Historical Park Fund, created as  
11 follows:

12 (1) There is hereby established a special account in the  
13 Treasury Department which shall be known as the Independence  
14 National Historical Park Fund. The purpose of the  
15 Independence National Historical Park Fund is to assist and  
16 support educational programs sponsored through the park's  
17 history education center, known as the Independence Park  
18 Institute, which promotes tourism and educates visitors on  
19 the founding of this nation at Independence Hall in  
20 Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

21 (2) All moneys in the Independence National Historical  
22 Park Fund are hereby annually appropriated to the Department  
23 of Community and Economic Development and may be expended for  
24 the purposes authorized under this subsection.

25 (3) Estimates of amounts to be expended under this  
26 subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by the  
27 Department of Community and Economic Development for his  
28 approval.

29 (4) The State Treasurer shall not honor any requisition  
30 for expenditures by the Department of Community and Economic

1     Development in excess of estimates approved by the Governor  
2     or in excess of the amount available for the purposes for  
3     which the requisition was made, whichever is the lesser  
4     amount.

5     Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.