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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, authorizing the issuance of firefighter
3 registration plates AND CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
4 REGISTRATION PLATES. <—

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

7 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1334 of Title
8 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1334. Return of registration plate.

11 (a) General rule.--Registration plates shall be returned to
12 the department under the following circumstances:

13 (1) A registration plate shall be returned if the

registrant no longer has a vehicle titled in this Commonwealth.

(2) A legislative registration plate shall be returned on the expiration or termination of the term of office of the legislative member.

(3) A dealer or "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" registration plate shall be returned if the business is discontinued.

(4) A handicapped registration plate shall be returned if the person to whom it was issued no longer qualifies under section 1338 (relating to handicapped plate).

(5) A firefighter registration plate shall be returned if the person to whom it was issued no longer is an employee or member of a fire department or fire company.

(b) Time for return of plate.--

(1) Each registration plate required to be returned under [this section] subsection (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) shall be returned to the department within five days of the occurrence requiring its return.

(2) Each registration plate required to be returned under subsection (a)(5) shall be returned to the department within 15 days of the occurrence requiring its return.

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Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 1342.1. Firefighter plate.

(a) Issuance of plate.--On the application of any person who is actively engaged in firefighting activities as an employee of a fire department or as a member of a volunteer fire company, and upon submission of satisfactory proof of such activities, the department shall issue a special registration plate

1 indicating that the vehicle is owned by a firefighter. No
2 applicant shall be entitled to more than one firefighter plate.
3 Each renewal of registration shall be accompanied by a statement
4 signed by the applicant, on a form prepared by the department,
5 declaring that the applicant continues to qualify for a
6 firefighter registration plate.

7 (b) Design of plate.--The design of the firefighter plate
8 shall be approved by the department and shall bear a maltese
9 cross and the letters "F.D."

10 (c) Penalties.--Any person violating this section is guilty
11 of a summary offense and upon conviction shall be sentenced to
12 pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 and, in
13 addition, shall be thereafter ineligible for future receipt of a
14 firefighter registration plate.

15 § 1342.2. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR PLATES.

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16 (A) ISSUANCE OF PLATES.--ON THE APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON
17 WHO HAS RECEIVED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR AND UPON
18 SUBMISSION OF SATISFACTORY PROOF, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A
19 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE INDICATING THAT THE VEHICLE IS OWNED
20 BY A HOLDER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

21 (B) DESIGN OF PLATE.--THE DESIGN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL
22 OF HONOR PLATE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

23 (1) BLUE BACKGROUND WITH 13 WHITE STARS.

24 (2) CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DEPICTED IN THE CENTER.

25 (3) THE REGISTRATION LETTERS AND "PENNSYLVANIA" SHALL BE
26 EMBOSSSED IN RED.

27 (4) THERE SHALL BE NO NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION SHALL BE
28 THE OWNERS INITIALS FOLLOWED BY THE LETTERS "CMH."

29 (C) PENALTIES.--ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
30 OF A SUMMARY OFFENSE AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE SENTENCED TO

1 PAY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50 NOR MORE THAN \$100 AND, IN
2 ADDITION, SHALL BE THEREAFTER INELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE RECEIPT OF A
3 CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR REGISTRATION PLATE.

4 (D) NO FEES.--THERE SHALL BE NO FEE OR CHARGE TO ANY PERSON
5 WHO RECEIVES A PLATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

6 § 1930.1. Firefighter registration plates.

7 The fee for issuance of a firefighter registration plate
8 shall be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual
9 registration fee. Only one payment of the issuance fee shall be
10 charged for each firefighter registration issued or replaced.

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