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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 2, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the use of registration
3 plates issued to manufacturers and dealers.

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

6 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
8 § 102. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
12 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
13 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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15 "Farm equipment." A vehicle designed or used exclusively for
16 agricultural operations and only incidentally operated or moved
17 upon highways, including, but not limited to, farm tractors,

1 choppers and balers.

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3 Section 2. Section 1335(c) of Title 75 is amended and the
4 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

5 § 1335. Registration plates for manufacturers and dealers.

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7 (a.2) Exemption.--The following types of dealers and
8 manufacturers are exempt from posting of the bond specified in
9 subsection (a):

10 (1) Farm equipment dealers.

11 (2) Mobile home dealers.

12 (3) Modular housing manufacturers.

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14 (c) Exemption from individual registration.--Vehicles
15 displaying dealer registration plates may be operated on the
16 highway without registering each vehicle individually, provided
17 that the plates are used in accordance with the limitations of
18 [section] sections 1336 (relating to use of dealer registration
19 plates) and 1337.1 (relating to use of multipurpose dealer
20 registration plates).

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22 Section 3. Section 1336 of Title 75 is amended to read:

23 § 1336. Use of dealer registration plates.

24 (a) General rule.--

25 (1) Dealer registration plates may be used on any
26 vehicle owned or in possession of a dealer or manufacturer,
27 but only if the vehicle is being held for sale[, is]. The
28 vehicle shall be unladen except for safety equipment, jumper
29 cables and similar items [or is being used for any of the
30 following purposes:

(1) For the personal use of the dealer or members of his immediate family, or when the dealer is a corporation, for the personal use of the officers or members of their immediate families, or for the personal use of the regular employees of the dealer.] and must be in transit to or from a location from which it is purchased or offered for sale.

(2) The vehicle may be used laden for any of the following purposes:

[(2)] (i) For teaching students enrolled in an approved driver education course how to operate a vehicle and for the new driver to take an examination for a driver's license.

[(3)] (ii) For testing vehicles in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer.

[(4)] (iii) For demonstrating vehicles in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer.

[(5)] (iv) For loaning to customers whose vehicles are being repaired.

[(6)] (v) For loaning to prospective purchasers for a period not exceeding five days for the purpose of demonstrating vehicles.

(b) Records.--Records shall be kept by the dealer in a manner prescribed by the department indicating which vehicles have been used as provided in subsection [(a)(2), (5) and (6)] (a)(2)(i), (iv) and (v). The records shall be open to inspection by representatives of the department and police officers.

(c) Nonapplicability.--The provisions of this section shall not apply to work or service vehicles owned by a manufacturer or dealer.

Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 1337.1. Use of multipurpose dealer registration plates.

1 Subject to the requirement that the vehicles on which
2 multipurpose dealer registration plates conform to the weight
3 and size limits for which the plates were purchased, the
4 multipurpose dealer registration plates may be used on motor
5 vehicles owned by or in possession of a dealer or manufacturer.

6 Section 5. Section 1926 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
7 subsection to read:

8 § 1926. Dealers and miscellaneous motor vehicle business.

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10 (d) Multipurpose dealer registration plate.--The annual fee
11 for a multipurpose dealer registration plate shall be \$24 for
12 passenger cars, the appropriate fee specified in section 1913
13 (relating to motor homes) for motor homes and the appropriate
14 fee specified in section 1916 (relating to trucks and truck
15 tractors) for trucks and truck tractors.

16 Section 6. Section 2306 of Title 75 is amended to read:

17 § 2306. Exemptions.

18 No person who acts solely as either a notary or messenger for
19 motor vehicle forms or a farm equipment dealer, mobile home
20 dealer or modular housing manufacturer shall be bound by the
21 provisions of this chapter.

22 Section 7. This act shall take effect in 60 days.