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SENATOR CORMAN, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
OCTOBER 31, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for special registration plates;
3 ~~and~~ providing for special registration plates for Vietnam <—
4 veterans AND FOR AN AGRICULTURE REGISTRATION PLATE; <—
5 ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURE-IN-THE-CLASSROOM FUND; AND
6 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 1342, 1346, 1348, 1350 and 1351 of Title
10 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to
11 read:

12 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

13 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of

1 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at
2 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the
3 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration
4 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated
5 in section 1338 (relating to handicapped plate and placard), the
6 department shall issue a special registration plate designating
7 the vehicle as belonging to a severely disabled veteran. The
8 registration plate shall have a white background, shall have
9 blue numbers or letters as the department may determine, shall
10 have the words, "disabled veteran," in at least ten-point bold
11 type, inscribed in red at the bottom of the plate, and shall
12 include the international symbol for handicapped access. Only
13 one special registration plate shall be issued to a veteran
14 under this section. It may be used only on [one] a passenger
15 [vehicle or one other vehicle] car or a truck with a
16 [registered] gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 9,000
17 pounds. In the case of a motorcycle, the department shall issue
18 a decal containing the international symbol for handicapped
19 access and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the
20 registration plate.

21 (b) Severely disabled veteran placard.--On the application
22 of any person who meets the qualifications of subsection (a),
23 the department shall issue one special parking placard of such
24 size and design as the department shall specify, designating the
25 vehicle in which it is displayed as being used for the
26 transportation of a severely disabled veteran. Such placard
27 shall be prominently displayed on the right front dash of the
28 vehicle when it is in use for the transportation of such
29 severely disabled veteran.

30 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any

1 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the
2 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States
3 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department
4 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle
5 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall
6 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the
7 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled
8 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
9 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be
10 issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used only on
11 [one] a passenger [vehicle or one other vehicle] car or a truck
12 with a [registered] gross vehicle weight rating of not more than
13 9,000 pounds.

14 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-
15 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the
16 armed forces of the United States is certified by the
17 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall
18 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as
19 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall
20 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as
21 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner
22 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
23 of the plate. The special registration plate may be used only on
24 [one] a passenger [vehicle or one other vehicle] car or a truck
25 with a [registered] gross vehicle weight rating of not more than
26 9,000 pounds.

27 (e) Documentation of eligibility.--The department may
28 require current holders of disabled veteran registration plates
29 and placards to provide documentation of their eligibility under
30 this section where current documentation is not sufficient.

1 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

2 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
3 Purple Heart, the department shall issue to such person a
4 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed
5 as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart.
6 A severely disabled veteran, as described in section 1342(a)
7 (relating to veteran plates and placard), who is qualified to
8 receive a plate under this section may also elect to receive a
9 placard under section 1342(b). The special registration plate
10 may be used only on [one] a passenger [vehicle or one other
11 vehicle] car or a truck with a [registered] gross vehicle weight
12 rating of not more than 9,000 pounds.

13 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

14 Upon application of any person who is a survivor of Pearl
15 Harbor, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
16 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
17 department shall require by regulation, the department shall
18 issue to such person a special registration plate designating
19 the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who is a
20 survivor of Pearl Harbor. The special registration plate may be
21 used only on [one] a passenger [vehicle or one other vehicle]
22 car or a truck with a [registered] gross vehicle weight rating
23 of not more than 9,000 pounds.

24 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

25 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean
26 War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in addition to
27 the annual registration fee, and by such documentation as the
28 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
29 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
30 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the Korean

1 War. The special registration plate may be used only on [one] a
2 passenger [vehicle or one other vehicle] car or a truck with a
3 [registered] gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 9,000
4 pounds.

5 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

6 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
7 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in
8 addition to the annual registration fee, and by such
9 documentation as the department shall require, the department
10 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
11 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
12 is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special registration
13 plate may be used only on [one] a passenger [vehicle or one
14 other vehicle] car or a truck with a [registered] gross vehicle
15 weight rating of not more than 9,000 pounds.

16 Section 2. Section 1355 of Title 75, ~~added December 28, 1994~~ <—
17 ~~(P.L.1441, No.170) and (P.L.1450, No.172)~~, is amended to read:

18 § 1355. Zoological plate.

19 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
20 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological
21 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied
22 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual
23 registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a
24 passenger car, motor home or trailer or a truck with a gross
25 vehicle weight rating of not more than 9,000 pounds. The
26 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by
27 the applicant for the plate.

28 Section 3. Sections 1356 and 1357 of Title 75, ~~added~~ <—
29 ~~December 28, 1994 (P.L.1450, No.172)~~, are amended to read:

30 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces

1 Medal.

2 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
3 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
4 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
5 documentation as the department shall require, the department
6 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
7 designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a person
8 who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The
9 special registration plate may be used only on [one] a passenger
10 [vehicle] car or a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of
11 not more than 9,000 pounds.

12 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

13 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War
14 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to
15 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
16 department shall require, the department shall issue to such
17 person a special registration plate carrying the symbol of a
18 ruptured duck designating the vehicle so registered as belonging
19 to a person who is a veteran of World War II. The special
20 registration plate may be used only on [one] a passenger
21 [vehicle] car or a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of
22 not more than 9,000 pounds.

23 Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding ~~a section~~ SECTIONS <—
24 to read:

25 § 1358. Special plates for Vietnam veterans.

26 Upon application of any person who is a Vietnam veteran,
27 accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to the
28 annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
29 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
30 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so

1 licensed as belonging to a person who is a Vietnam veteran. The
2 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger
3 vehicle or a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of not
4 more than 9,000 pounds.

5 § 1359. AGRICULTURE PLATE.

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6 (A) ISSUANCE.--UPON THE APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON, THE
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL AGRICULTURE REGISTRATION PLATE.
8 THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ON ANY PASSENGER CAR,
9 MOTOR HOME, TRAILER OR TRUCK WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING
10 OF NOT MORE THAN 9,000 POUNDS.

11 (B) DESIGN AND FEE.--THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL DESIGN THE AGRICULTURE
13 REGISTRATION PLATE. THE FEE FOR THIS PLATE SHALL BE \$35 WHICH
14 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE. THE
15 AGRICULTURE-IN-THE-CLASSROOM FUND SHALL RECEIVE \$15 OF THE FEE
16 PAID BY THE APPLICANT FOR THE PLATE.

17 (C) AGRICULTURE-IN-THE-CLASSROOM FUND.--THERE IS HEREBY
18 ESTABLISHED A SEPARATE ACCOUNT IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN
19 AS THE AGRICULTURE-IN-THE-CLASSROOM FUND. THIS FUND SHALL BE
20 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. ALL MONEYS OF THE
21 FUND ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON
22 A CONTINUING BASIS. ALL MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR
23 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PURPOSES.

24 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.