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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for vehicle registration; and  
3 increasing certain penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Sections 1305(a), 1308(a), 1331(c), 7121 and 7122  
7 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
8 amended to read:

9 § 1305. Application for registration.

10 (a) General rule.--Application for the registration of a  
11 vehicle shall be made to the department upon the appropriate  
12 form or forms furnished by the department. The application shall  
13 contain the full name and address of the owner or owners; the  
14 make, model, year and vehicle identification number of the  
15 vehicle; the color of the vehicle; the vehicle owner's personal  
16 information, including date of birth, operator's license number  
17 and social security number; and such other information as the  
18 department may require. Applicants for registration of a truck,

1 truck tractor, trailer or bus shall provide the vehicle's Gross  
2 Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or the Gross Combination Weight  
3 Rating (GCWR), as applicable. If the manufacturer's ratings are  
4 not available, the applicant shall provide sufficient  
5 information as to the horsepower, braking capacity and such  
6 other data as necessary for the department to determine an  
7 equivalent measure of the vehicle's hauling and stopping  
8 capability. If the applicant wishes to register a vehicle at a  
9 registered gross weight less than the gross vehicle weight  
10 rating, the application shall include information as to weight,  
11 load and any other such information as the department may  
12 require. The application shall be accompanied by self-  
13 certification of financial responsibility and the applicable  
14 fee.

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16 § 1308. Issuance of registration card.

17 (a) General rule.--The department, upon registering a  
18 vehicle, shall issue to the registrant a registration card which  
19 shall contain the registration number assigned to the vehicle,  
20 the name and address, the date of birth, social security number  
21 and operator's license number of the registrant and the name of  
22 the owner, if other than the registrant, a description of the  
23 vehicle including the vehicle identification number, the  
24 expiration date, the make, model and color of the vehicle and  
25 such other information as may be determined by the department.

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27 § 1331. Issuance of registration plates.

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29 (c) Temporary registration plates.--The department shall  
30 provide temporary paper registration plates, with the expiration

1 date prominently displayed, for use on vehicles which are to be  
2 removed from this Commonwealth or for use as necessary pending  
3 issuance of permanent registration plates.

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5 § 7121. False application for certificate of title or  
6 registration.

7 A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor of the first degree]  
8 felony of the second degree if the person uses a false or  
9 fictitious name or address or makes a material false statement,  
10 or fails to disclose a security interest, or conceals any other  
11 material fact in an application for a certificate of title or  
12 for registration.

13 § 7122. Altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates.

14 A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor of the first degree]  
15 felony of the second degree if the person, with fraudulent  
16 intent:

17 (1) alters, forges or counterfeits a certificate of  
18 title, registration card or plate, inspection certificate or  
19 proof of insurance;

20 (2) alters or forges an assignment of a certificate of  
21 title, or an assignment or release of a security interest on  
22 a certificate of title or any other document issued or  
23 prepared for issue by the department;

24 (3) has possession of, sells or attempts to sell, uses  
25 or displays a certificate of title, registration card or  
26 plate, driver's license, inspection certificate proof of  
27 insurance or any other document issued by the department,  
28 knowing it to have been altered, forged or counterfeited;

29 (4) obtains or attempts to obtain a certificate of  
30 inspection without valid proof of insurance; or

1           (5) provides a certificate of inspection where there is  
2   no valid proof of insurance.  
3   Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.