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O'BRIEN, PISTELLA AND STABACK, MARCH 3, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 3, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for an identification system and
3 database.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

8 § 1521. Identification system and database.

9 (a) Establishment of system.--The department shall establish
10 an identification system and database based on the print of the
11 thumb or finger of an applicant, or some other biometric
12 identification. Under the system, the print shall be cross-
13 referenced with all other fingerprints or other biometric
14 identification data in the database in order to authenticate the
15 print and to ensure that each individual is issued only one
16 driver's license and that an individual is not fraudulently
17 obtaining a driver's license in another individual's name.

18 (b) Date of implementation.--The identification system and

database established under this section shall be fully operational in all department offices by January 1, 2005.

(c) Office of Attorney General.--The identification system and database established under this section shall be implemented, administered and maintained by the Office of Attorney General.

(d) Use of system.--The identification system and database established under this section shall not be used by the department or the Office of Attorney General for any purpose other than the purposes set forth in this section, nor shall the information be provided to any third party for any other use.

§ 1522. Application instructions.

(a) Instructions.--Every instruction to an application for an original or a renewal of a driver's license or for an application for a nondriver identification card shall contain a statement informing the applicant that \$3 of the application fee is being used to fund the identification system and database established under section 1521 (relating to identification system and database).

(b) Repeal.--This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends that date.

§ 1523. Fees.

(a) Fee to accompany applications.--Every application for a driver's license, junior driver's license, learner's permit or nondriver identification card shall include an additional fee of \$3. This fee, after deducting the department's costs in administering this section, shall be deposited in the Consumer Protection and Antifraud Account, which is hereby established in

1 the State Treasury, to be used by the department and the Office
2 of Attorney General, upon appropriation by the General Assembly,
3 to fund the identification system and database established under
4 section 1521 (relating to identification system and database).

5 (b) Repeal.--This section shall remain in effect only until
6 January 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later
7 enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes
8 or extends that date.

9 § 1524. Report.

10 The department shall prepare and submit a report for review
11 by the Transportation Committee of the Senate and the
12 Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives, no
13 later than one year after the effective date of this section,
14 that includes details of the expenditure plan utilized by the
15 department to identify and implement an identification system
16 and database to accurately identify individuals applying for
17 original, renewal or replacement drivers' licenses or
18 identification cards in order to minimize identity theft
19 involving the unlawful use of information contained in those
20 licenses and cards.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.