

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MCGEEHAN, BENNINGTON, BISHOP, CONKLIN, FREEMAN,
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PRESTON, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 25, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 25, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for TreeVitalize plate; and further
3 providing for payments to special funds.

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 a section to read:

8 § 1366. TreeVitalize plate.

9 The department, in consultation with the Department of
10 Conservation and Natural Resources, shall design a special
11 TreeVitalize registration plate that utilizes the TreeVitalize
12 slogan in the design. Upon application of any person,
13 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the
14 annual registration fee, the department shall issue the plate
15 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a gross
16 vehicle weight rating of not more than 9,000 pounds. The
17 TreeVitalize Fund shall receive \$15 of each additional fee for
18 this plate.

Section 2. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1905. Payments to special funds.

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(d) TreeVitalize Fund.--Fifteen dollars of each fee received under section 1366 (relating to TreeVitalize plate) shall be credited to the TreeVitalize Fund, established as follows:

(1) There is hereby established a special account in the Treasury Department that shall be known as the TreeVitalize Fund. The purpose of the TreeVitalize Fund is to address the ongoing loss of trees in our Commonwealth.

(2) All moneys in the TreeVitalize Fund are hereby annually appropriated to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and may be expended for the purposes authorized under this subsection.

(3) Estimates of amounts to be expended under this subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for his approval.

(4) The State Treasurer shall not honor any requisition for expenditures by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in excess of estimates approved by the Governor or in excess of the amount available for the purposes for which the requisition was made, whichever is the lesser amount.

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