

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
MAY 22, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), entitled
2 "An act providing for the State Board of Vehicle
3 Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons; and providing
4 penalties," providing for licensing cost.

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

7 Section 1. The act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84),
8 known as the Board of Vehicles Act, is amended by adding a
9 section to read:

10 Section 27.1 Licensing cost.

11 (a) Licensing cost.--Subject to the limitations established
12 under subsection (c), a licensed dealer who has a contract with
13 the Department of Transportation pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §
14 1331(f)(6) (relating to issuance and reissuance of registration
15 plates) may charge the purchaser of a vehicle a licensing cost
16 authorized under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 19 (relating to fees), to
17 include any of the following:

18 (1) The actual cost incurred by the dealer for fees

associated with titling and registering the vehicle,
including messenger fees, notary fees and electronic
transaction fees.

(2) A documentary preparation fee for:

(i) Preparation and completion of documents required
under 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to vehicles).

(ii) Collection and submission of taxes payable by
the purchaser.

(iii) Preparation of any other information
associated with titling and registration of a vehicle.

(b) Out-of-State title.--The provisions of subsection (a)
shall apply whether or not the purchaser intends to title and
register the vehicle outside this Commonwealth.

(c) Limitations.--The following limitations shall apply:

(1) A dealer which provides electronic transaction
services for documents under subsection (a)(2) may impose a
maximum charge of \$120.

(2) A dealer which does not provide electronic
transaction services for document preparation under
subsection (a)(2) may impose a maximum charge of \$100.

(d) Adjustment.--Beginning in January 2010, and annually
thereafter, the licensing cost for documentary preparation shall
be adjusted in accordance with the Federal Consumer Price Index
for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for all items as published by
the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
Statistics, for the previous 12-month period on a cumulative
basis. Any adjustment which is less than 50¢ shall be rounded
down to the next lowest dollar amount and any adjustment which
is 50¢ or greater shall be rounded up to the next highest dollar
amount.

1 (e) Fees.--Licensing costs under this section shall not be
2 considered fees for purposes of section 30 or 31.
3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.