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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 1, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Limiting assignment of State-owned vehicles; prohibiting long-  
2 term vehicle leases for public officials and employees; and  
3 providing for duties of the Department of General Services.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the State Vehicle  
8 Limitations Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of General Services of the  
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Judicial official." Any of the following:

16 (1) A justice of the Supreme Court.

17 (2) A judge of the Commonwealth Court.

18 (3) A judge of the Superior Court.

- 1 (4) A judge of a court of common pleas.
- 2 (5) A magisterial district judge.
- 3 (6) A judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court.
- 4 (7) A judge of the Pittsburgh Magistrate's Court.
- 5 (8) A judge of the Traffic Court of Philadelphia.
- 6 (9) An appointive judicial officer, including an
- 7 arbitrator, auditor, commissioner to take oaths and
- 8 depositions, custodian, examiner, guardian, master, mental
- 9 health review officer, receiver, referee, trustee, viewer and
- 10 other like officers.

11 "State employee." An individual employed by the  
12 Commonwealth.

13 "State official." A person elected by the public or elected  
14 or appointed by a governmental body or an appointed official in  
15 the executive or legislative branch of the Commonwealth.

16 "State-owned vehicle." A vehicle that is owned by the  
17 Commonwealth. The term does not include vehicles used for law  
18 enforcement purposes by persons that have arrest powers.

19 Section 3. Limitations on State-owned vehicle leases.

20 (a) General rule.--Except as set forth in subsection (b):

21 (1) No State official, judicial official or State  
22 employee may be assigned a State-owned vehicle on a permanent  
23 or long-term basis.

24 (2) No Commonwealth funds may be used to lease a vehicle  
25 on a long-term basis to or on behalf of any State official,  
26 judicial official or State employee.

27 (b) Emergency response.--This section does not apply to a  
28 State official, judicial official or State employee whose  
29 official duties require the assignment or lease of a vehicle for  
30 emergency response.

1 Section 4. Existing lease agreements.

2 In the case of a lease of a vehicle entered into prior to the  
3 effective date of this section, rules and procedures in effect  
4 prior to the effective date of this section shall apply until  
5 the expiration of the lease.

6 Section 5. Duties of department.

7 The department shall develop and implement standards designed  
8 to increase cost-effective and efficient use of State-owned  
9 vehicles under its control.

10 Section 6. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.