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WASHINGTON AND ROBINSON, MARCH 9, 1999

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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) and 1308(a) of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 1305. Application for registration.

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

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

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15 § 1308. Issuance of registration card.

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

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26 Section 2. Section 1331(c), heading amended December 21,
27 1998 (P.L. , No.151), is amended to read:

28 § 1331. Issuance and reissuance of registration plates.

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30 (c) Temporary registration plates.--The department shall

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

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6 Section 3. Section 7121 of Title 75 is amended to read:

7 § 7121. False application for certificate of title or
8 registration.

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

15 Section 4. Section 7122 of Title 75, amended December 21,
16 1998 (P.L. , No.151), is amended to read:

17 § 7122. Altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates.

18 A person is guilty of a [misdemeanor of the first degree]
19 felony of the second degree if the person, with fraudulent
20 intent:

21 (1) alters, forges or counterfeits a certificate of
22 title, registration card or plate, inspection certificate or
23 proof of financial responsibility;

24 (2) alters or forges an assignment of a certificate of
25 title, or an assignment or release of a security interest on
26 a certificate of title or any other document issued or
27 prepared for issue by the department;

28 (3) has possession of, sells or attempts to sell, uses
29 or displays a certificate of title, registration card or
30 plate, driver's license, inspection certificate proof of

1 financial responsibility or any other document issued by the
2 department, knowing it to have been altered, forged or
3 counterfeited;

4 (4) obtains or attempts to obtain a certificate of
5 inspection without valid proof of financial responsibility;
6 or

7 (5) provides a certificate of inspection where there is
8 no valid proof of financial responsibility.

9 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.