

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 30, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for Gold Star Family registration plate.

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

5 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

8 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a  
9 person who was killed while serving on active duty in the  
10 military, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION ←  
11 TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE, AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE  
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, the department shall issue to the

1 family member a special registration plate DESIGNATING THE <—  
2 VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PERSON  
3 WHO WAS KILLED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY. THE  
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND PRODUCE THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
5 PLATE carrying the Service Flag Gold Star rimmed with blue which  
6 represents sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom. The <—  
7 plate shall have a five point gold star on the left side with a  
8 single point facing upward. In addition, the star shall be  
9 outlined in blue with a gray shadow in the center. The words  
10 "Gold Star Family" shall be clearly displayed along the bottom  
11 of the plate. and the letters "GSF" shall be stacked on the left <—  
12 side of the plate next to the star symbol. The department may  
13 charge a \$20 fee in addition to the annual registration fee. The  
14 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car  
15 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000  
16 pounds.

17 (b) Documentation required.--For the purposes of this <—  
18 section, applicants may submit to the department a sworn  
19 affidavit stating that any required documentation testifying to  
20 the death of the military person is unattainable or no longer in  
21 existence. The affidavit must be notarized, and applicants  
22 falsifying the information are subject to the penalties for  
23 perjury.

24 (c) Personalization. The department shall, upon application  
25 for the special plate as prescribed in subsection (a) and upon  
26 payment of an additional \$20 fee, issue a personal special  
27 registration plate to applicants authorized in this section. AN <—  
28 APPLICANT FOR A GOLD STAR FAMILY PLATE SHALL CERTIFY ON A FORM  
29 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE APPLICANT IS A FAMILY MEMBER  
30 OF A PERSON WHO WAS KILLED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE

1 MILITARY.

2 (d) (C) Definition.--As used in this section, the term <—

3 "family member" includes the following:

4 (1) Widow.

5 (2) Widower.

6 (3) Mother.

7 (4) Father.

8 (5) Stepmother.

9 (6) Stepfather.

10 (7) Mother through adoption.

11 (8) Father through adoption.

12 (9) Foster mother in loco parentis.

13 (10) Foster father in loco parentis.

14 (11) Son.

15 (12) Daughter.

16 (13) Stepson.

17 (14) Stepdaughter.

18 (15) Son by adoption.

19 (16) Daughter by adoption.

20 (17) Brother.

21 (18) Sister.

22 (19) Half brother.

23 (20) Half sister.

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