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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for biennial registration of
3 certain vehicles and registration fees for passenger cars.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1307(a) and (a.1) Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 1307. Period of registration.

9 (a) Staggered renewal system to be established.--The
10 department shall establish a system of staggered registration
11 renewal in a manner that an approximately equal number of
12 registrations will expire every month throughout the year. In
13 order to implement and maintain the staggered registration
14 system, the department may prorate annual or biennial
15 registration fees over registration periods of from 6 to 18
16 months.

17 (a.1) Seasonal registration.--Upon application on a form

1 prescribed by the department, the owner or lessee of a passenger
2 car, recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, truck or farm
3 vehicle which does not have a gross vehicle weight rating of
4 more than 9,000 pounds may register the vehicle with the
5 department for a period of successive months of less than one
6 year. The applicant shall specify the period of months during
7 which the vehicle shall be registered. Except when the
8 department initially converts a currently valid annual or
9 biennial registration to a seasonal registration, the annual or
10 biennial fee prescribed for the vehicle by Chapter 19 (relating
11 to fees) shall be paid in full by the applicant regardless of
12 the number of months chosen for registration by the applicant.
13 Upon receipt of the appropriate fee and the properly completed
14 form, including all information required by this chapter, the
15 department shall issue a seasonal registration that shall expire
16 on the last day of the expiration month chosen by the
17 registrant. No insurer of a vehicle belonging to any owner or
18 lessee who obtains a seasonal registration and who applies for
19 or receives a reduced automobile insurance premium on account
20 thereof shall be required to provide any contractual coverage,
21 whether in the form of the provision of a defense or the payment
22 of first-party or third-party benefits or otherwise, to the
23 owner or lessee in connection with any event occurring during
24 that part of the year in which the vehicle is not registered;
25 and such owner or lessee shall be treated for all purposes,
26 including, without limitation, ascertaining rights to stack
27 coverages and to uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage,
28 as a person who does not own that vehicle and has no duty to
29 carry financial responsibility on it for that part of the year.

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Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 1307.2. Biennial registration of certain vehicles.

The department may establish a system for renewing the vehicle registration of passenger cars, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, school buses and school vehicles, special mobile equipment and implements of husbandry on a biennial basis to owners or lessees of the vehicles and may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the system.

Section 3. Sections 1331(f)(1), 1340(a), 1348, 1350, 1350.1, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354(a), 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359(a), 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365(a), 1514(a), 1911 heading and (a), 1912, 1914, 1915, 1918, 1921, 1922, 1930, 1931, 1931.1 and 1933 of Title 75 are amended to read:

§ 1331. Issuance and reissuance of registration plates.

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(f) Periodic reissuance of registration plates.--The department shall develop, implement and administer a program to provide for the reissuance of all current registration plates previously issued under this section. The program to be established under this subsection shall address all of the following criteria:

(1) Other than the annual or biennial registration fee required under sections 1305 (relating to application for registration) and 1309 (relating to renewal of registration) and Subchapter B of Chapter 19 (relating to registration fees), the reissued registration plate shall be issued under section 1934 (relating to general reissuance).

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§ 1340. Antique, classic and collectible plates.

(a) General rule.--Upon submission by a vehicle owner of

1 information satisfactory to the department that a motorcycle or
2 motor vehicle is an antique motorcycle or motor vehicle or
3 classic motorcycle or motor vehicle or collectible motorcycle or
4 motor vehicle, accompanied by the appropriate fee, the
5 department may issue special plates for the motorcycle or
6 vehicle. The special plate for antique motor vehicles, except
7 antique motorcycles, shall bear the designation "antique
8 vehicle." The applicant shall provide photographic proof in a
9 manner specified by the department to demonstrate the condition
10 of the motor vehicle. No annual or biennial registration fee may
11 be charged for antique, collectible or classic motorcycles or
12 motor vehicles. A holder of the special plates may obtain
13 replacement plates bearing the designation "antique vehicle"
14 upon payment of the appropriate fee.

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16 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

17 Upon application of any person who is a survivor of Pearl
18 Harbor, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
19 to the annual or biennial registration fee and by such
20 documentation as the department shall require, the department
21 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
22 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
23 is a survivor of Pearl Harbor. The special registration plate
24 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered
25 gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

26 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

27 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean
28 War, accompanied by a fee of \$20[,] which shall be in addition
29 to the annual or biennial registration fee[,] and by such
30 documentation as the department shall require, the department

1 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
2 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
3 is a veteran of the Korean War. The special registration plate
4 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered
5 gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

6 § 1350.1. Special plates for recipients of Korean Defense
7 Service Medal.

8 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
9 Korean Defense Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
10 shall be in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee
11 and by such documentation as the department shall require, the
12 department shall issue to the person a special registration
13 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
14 person who is a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal.
15 The department shall design and produce the special registration
16 plate. The special registration plate may be used only on a
17 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
18 more than 10,000 pounds.

19 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

20 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
21 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20[,] which shall be
22 in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee[,] and by
23 such documentation as the department shall require, the
24 department shall issue to the person a special registration
25 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
26 person who is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special
27 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
28 with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

29 § 1352. Wild resource conservation plate.

30 The department, in consultation with the Wild Resource

1 Conservation Board, shall design a special wild resource
2 conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person,
3 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the
4 annual or biennial registration fee, the department shall issue
5 the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with
6 a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds. The
7 Wild Resource Conservation Fund shall receive \$15 of each
8 additional fee for this plate.

9 § 1353. Preserve our heritage registration plate.

10 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
11 Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a special
12 preserve our heritage registration plate. Upon receipt of an
13 application, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
14 addition to the annual or biennial registration fee, the
15 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
16 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
17 more than 9,000 pounds. The Historical Preservation Fund shall
18 receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

19 § 1354. Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate.

20 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the
21 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a
22 Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate. Upon
23 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which
24 shall be in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee,
25 the department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
26 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
27 more than 9,000 pounds.

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29 § 1355. Zoological plate.

30 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania

1 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological
2 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied
3 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual or
4 biennial registration fee, the department shall issue the plate
5 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a
6 registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds. The
7 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by
8 the applicant for the plate.

9 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces
10 Medal.

11 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
12 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
13 shall be in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee
14 and by such documentation as the department shall require, the
15 department shall issue to such person a special registration
16 plate designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a
17 person who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The
18 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
19 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000
20 pounds.

21 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

22 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War
23 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to
24 the annual or biennial registration fee and by such
25 documentation as the department shall require, the department
26 shall issue to such person a special registration plate carrying
27 the symbol of a ruptured duck designating the vehicle so
28 registered as belonging to a person who is a veteran of World
29 War II. The special registration plate may be used only on a
30 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not

1 more than 9,000 pounds.

2 § 1358. DARE plate.

3 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
4 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall design a special drug
5 abuse resistance education (DARE) registration plate which
6 utilizes the DARE logo or slogan in the design. Upon application
7 of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
8 addition to the annual or biennial registration fee, the
9 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
10 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
11 more than 9,000 pounds. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education
12 Program shall receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

13 § 1359. Special plates for steelworkers.

14 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a
15 steelworker, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in
16 addition to the annual or biennial registration fee and by such
17 documentation as the department shall require, the department
18 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
19 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
20 is a steelworker. The special registration plate may be used
21 only on a passenger car or a truck with a registered gross
22 weight of not more than 9,000 pounds. The plate shall bear the
23 likeness of the official emblem of the American Iron and Steel
24 Institute.

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26 § 1360. Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict.

27 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
28 Vietnam Conflict as that term is defined for the awarding of the
29 Vietnam Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 in addition
30 to the annual or biennial registration fee and by such

1 documentation as the department shall require, the department
2 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
3 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
4 is a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. The special registration
5 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
6 registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

7 § 1361. Special motorcycle plates for veterans.

8 Upon application of any person who is an honorably discharged
9 veteran of the armed forces of the United States, or a reserve
10 component of the armed forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301
11 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
12 shall be in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee
13 and by such documentation as the department shall require, the
14 department shall issue to the person a special registration
15 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a
16 veteran. The special registration plate may be used only on a
17 motorcycle.

18 § 1362. Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans plate.

19 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
20 liberation or occupation of Iraq, accompanied by a fee of \$20
21 which shall be in addition to the annual or biennial
22 registration fee and by documentation as the department shall
23 require, the department shall issue to the person a special
24 registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as
25 belonging to a person who is a veteran of Operation Iraqi
26 Freedom.

27 § 1363. Operation Enduring Freedom veterans plate.

28 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
29 liberation or occupation of Afghanistan, accompanied by a fee of
30 \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual or biennial

1 registration fee and by documentation as the department shall
2 require, the department shall issue to the person a special
3 registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as
4 belonging to a person who is a veteran of Operation Enduring
5 Freedom.

6 § 1364. Special plates for veterans.

7 Upon application of any person who is an honorably discharged
8 veteran of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve
9 component of the armed forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301
10 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
11 shall be in addition to the annual or biennial registration fee
12 and by such documentation as the department shall require, the
13 department shall issue to the person a special registration
14 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a
15 veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

16 § 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

17 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a
18 person who was killed while serving on active duty in the
19 military, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
20 to the annual or biennial registration fee and by such
21 documentation as the department shall require, the department
22 shall issue to the family member a special registration plate
23 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family
24 member of a person who was killed while serving on active duty
25 in the military. The department shall design and produce the
26 special registration plate carrying the Service Flag Gold Star
27 rimmed with blue which represents sacrifice to the cause of
28 liberty and freedom. The words "Gold Star Family" shall be
29 clearly displayed along the bottom of the plate. The special
30 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck

1 with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds.

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3 § 1514. Expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses.

4 (a) General rule.--Every driver's license shall expire on
5 the day after the licensee's birth date at intervals of not more
6 than [four] eight years as may be determined by the department.
7 Every license shall be renewable on or before its expiration
8 upon application, payment of the required fee, and satisfactory
9 completion of any examination required or authorized by this
10 chapter.

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12 § 1911. Annual and biennial registration fees.

13 (a) General rule.--An annual or biennial fee for the
14 registration of vehicles as provided in Chapter 13 (relating to
15 [the] registration of vehicles) shall be charged by the
16 department as provided in this title.

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18 § 1912. Passenger cars.

19 (a) General rule.--The annual fee for registration of a
20 passenger car shall be \$36[.] annually or \$72 biennially, except
21 for passenger cars exceeding 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight
22 rating (GVWR), which shall be annually assessed as follows:

23	<u>Registered Gross</u>	
24	<u>Weight in Pounds</u>	<u>Fee</u>
25	<u>6,001 - 7,000</u>	<u>\$81</u>
26	<u>7,001 - 9,000</u>	<u>153</u>
27	<u>9,001 - 11,000</u>	<u>198</u>

28 (b) Exception.--A clean fuel or electric vehicle determined
29 by the Internal Revenue Service to be eligible for a Federal tax
30 deduction or credit pursuant to section 30 or 179A of the

1 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §
2 30) shall be \$30.

3 § 1914. Motorcycles.

4 The annual fee for registration of a motorcycle other than a
5 motor-driven cycle shall be \$18. The biennial fee shall be \$36.

6 § 1915. Motor-driven cycles.

7 The annual fee for registration of a motor-driven cycle shall
8 be \$9. The biennial fee shall be \$18.

9 § 1918. School buses and school vehicles.

10 The annual fee for registration of a school bus or school
11 vehicle shall be \$24. The biennial fee shall be \$48.

12 § 1921. Special mobile equipment.

13 The annual fee for registration of special mobile equipment
14 shall be \$36. The biennial fee shall be \$72.

15 § 1922. Implements of husbandry.

16 The annual fee for registration of an implement of husbandry
17 not exempt from registration under this title shall be \$18. The
18 biennial fee shall be \$36.

19 § 1930. Legislative registration plates.

20 The fee for issuance of a legislative registration plate
21 shall be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual or
22 biennial registration fee. Only one payment of the issuance fee
23 shall be charged for each legislative registration plate issued
24 or replaced. The biennial fee shall be twice the annual fee.

25 § 1931. Personal registration plates.

26 The fee for issuance of a personal registration plate shall
27 be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual or biennial
28 registration fee. Only one payment of the issuance fee shall be
29 charged for each personal registration issued or replaced. The
30 biennial fee shall be twice the annual fee.

1 § 1931.1. Street rod registration plates.

2 The fee for the issuance of a street rod registration plate
3 shall be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual or
4 biennial registration fee. Only one payment of the issuance fee
5 shall be charged for each street rod registration plate issued
6 or replaced. The biennial fee shall be twice the annual fee.

7 § 1933. Commercial implements of husbandry.

8 The annual fee for registration of a commercial implement of
9 husbandry shall be \$76.50 or one-half of the regular fee,
10 whichever is greater. The biennial fee shall be twice the annual
11 fee.

12 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.