

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK AND VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for special license plates for  
3 recipients of medals for military service and for exemption  
4 of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1345 and 1901(c) of Title 75 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 1345. Special plates for recipients of the Medal of Honor,

10 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying  
11 Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross.

12 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the  
13 Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished  
14 Flying Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross, the department  
15 shall issue to such person a special registration plate  
16 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who  
17 is a recipient of the Medal of Honor[.], Distinguished Service

1 Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force  
2 Cross. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
3 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
4 more than 10,000 pounds. The plate shall have a light blue  
5 background interspersed with 13 white stars. The center of the  
6 plate shall bear a golden bronze replica of the appropriate  
7 medal. The initials of each recipient shall be embossed in red  
8 to the left of the medal and the letters "CMH" (for  
9 Congressional Medal of Honor), "DSC" (for Distinguished Service  
10 Cross), "DFC" (for Distinguished Flying Cross), "NC" (for Navy  
11 Cross) or "AFC" (for Air Force Cross) shall be embossed in red  
12 to the right of the medal.

13 § 1901. Exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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15 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No  
16 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any  
17 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to  
18 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the  
19 registration:

- 20 (1) Hospital.
- 21 (2) Humane society.
- 22 (3) Nonprofit youth center.
- 23 (4) American Red Cross.
- 24 (5) Church.
- 25 (6) Girl Scouts of America.
- 26 (7) Boy Scouts of America.
- 27 (8) Salvation Army.
- 28 (9) Duly chartered posts of national veterans'
- 29 organizations.
- 30 (10) Young Men's Christian Association.

(11) Young Men's Hebrew Association.

(12) Young Women's Christian Association.

(13) Young Women's Hebrew Association.

(14) Jewish Community Center.

(15) Nonprofit corporations of musical marching groups of youths.

(16) Any person who is retired and receiving social security or other pension and whose total annual income does not exceed \$19,200. Unless the retired person is physically or mentally incapable of driving the vehicle, the retired person shall be the principal driver of the vehicle but may from time to time authorize another person to drive the vehicle in his or her stead.

(17) Any veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

(18) A person who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal.

(19) Any person who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor[.], Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross.

(20) Nonprofit organizations which care for or otherwise provide services for the elderly or the infirm.

(21) Nonprofit organizations which principally serve mentally or physically handicapped or disabled persons.

(22) Nonprofit mobile aviation museum.

(23) Nonprofit corporations that provide ambulance or

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