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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 18, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for special registration plates
3 generally AND FOR PERSONAL REGISTRATION PLATES; AND MAKING
4 EDITORIAL CHANGES. ←

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

7 ~~Section 1. Section 1341 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ ←
8 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

9 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1333(B.1), 1341, 1786(H)(2) AND 1931 OF ←
10 TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED
11 TO READ:

12 § 1333. LOST, STOLEN, DAMAGED OR ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE. ←

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14 (B.1) ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY
15 REISSUE A REGISTRATION PLATE UPON REQUEST BY A REGISTRANT WHEN
16 IT IS DETERMINED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

1 DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS
2 ILLEGIBLE FROM A REASONABLE DISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SELECT
3 THE STYLE OF THE REISSUED REGISTRATION PLATE AND, EXCEPT IN THE
4 CASE OF PERSONAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1341
5 (RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES [GENERALLY]), THE
6 REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER.

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8 § 1341. Special registration plates [generally].

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9 (A) GENERAL RULE.--Upon request by the applicant, the

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10 department may issue registration plates consisting of any

11 combination of numbers, letters or numbers and letters. [These

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12 special plates may be issued for special groups or for special

13 purposes and bear an appropriate designation. Special groups may

14 charge a fee for authorization to request a registration plate

15 bearing the name of the group.] They shall have the same force

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16 and effect as regular registration plates. The department may

17 refuse any combination of letters and numbers for cause and

18 shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance of

19 the plates and for carrying out the provisions of this section.

20 The applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations

21 pertaining to registration including the payment of any

22 additional fees.

23 (B) PERSONAL REGISTRATION PLATES.--UPON REQUEST BY THE

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24 APPLICANT, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE PERSONAL

25 REGISTRATION PLATES. The department is authorized to reissue a

26 combination of numbers or letters for a personal plate if the

27 department records reveal that no activity, such as renewal or

28 transfer of the personal registration plate, has occurred for a

29 period of five or more consecutive years and provided that the

30 personal registration plate was never reported as lost or

1 stolen. Whenever the department reissues an inactive personal
2 plate, the department may purge its records of all references to
3 the previous owners of that personal plate. The department
4 shall, however, note upon its records the reissuance of the
5 personal plate and to whom the plate was issued. [The special] A
6 PERSONAL registration plate may be used only on a passenger car,
7 motorcycle, motor home or truck with a registered gross weight
8 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds OR A MOTOR HOME.

9 (C) ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATES.--UPON REQUEST BY THE
10 APPLICANT, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORGANIZATION
11 REGISTRATION PLATES. ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATES MAY BE
12 ISSUED FOR SPECIAL GROUPS OR FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES AND BEAR AN
13 APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION. SPECIAL GROUPS MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR
14 AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST A REGISTRATION PLATE BEARING THE NAME
15 OF THE GROUP. If the vehicle is licensed to a business that is
16 not a member of the special group, the department shall issue
17 the plate as long as the business owner or officer making
18 application is a member of that group. AN ORGANIZATION
19 REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK
20 WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS OR
21 A MOTOR HOME.

22 § 1786. REQUIRED FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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24 (H) REINSTATEMENT OF VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED REGISTRATION
25 PLATE AND CARD.--

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27 (2) ANY REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED UNDER SECTIONS 1340
28 (RELATING TO ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC PLATES) AND 1341 (RELATING
29 TO [PERSONAL PLATE] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES) SHALL BE
30 RETURNED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE

1 UPON RECEIPT OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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3 § 1931. [PERSONAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

4 THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF A [PERSONAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION
5 PLATE SHALL BE \$20 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL
6 REGISTRATION FEE. ONLY ONE PAYMENT OF THE ISSUANCE FEE SHALL BE
7 CHARGED FOR EACH [PERSONAL] SPECIAL REGISTRATION ISSUED OR
8 REPLACED.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 120 days.

