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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for  
3 lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate and for  
4 use of farm vehicle plates, providing for Pennsylvania  
5 Sportsman plate, further providing for Distracted Driving  
6 Awareness plate and for special motorcycle plates related to  
7 veterans, providing for Operation Inherent Resolve veterans  
8 plate, further providing for special plates for veterans,  
9 providing for special plates for recipients of Borinqueneers  
10 Congressional Gold Medal; and, in fees, further providing for  
11 exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Sections 1333(b.1) and 1344(a)(3) of Title 75 of  
15 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

16 § 1333. Lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.

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18 (b.1) Illegible registration plate.--

19 (1) The department may reissue a registration plate upon  
20 request by a registrant when it is determined by an  
21 authorized representative of the department or law  
22 enforcement that the registration plate is illegible from a  
23 reasonable distance. The department may select the style of

1 the reissued registration plate and, except in the case of  
2 personal registration plates issued under section 1341  
3 (relating to special registration plates), the registration  
4 plate number.

5 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1):

6 (i) The department shall at no cost to the  
7 registrant reissue the style of the registration plate  
8 under subparagraph (ii) upon request by a registrant when  
9 it is determined by an authorized representative of the  
10 department or law enforcement that the registration plate  
11 is illegible from a reasonable distance.

12 (ii) Subparagraph (i) shall apply to plates issued  
13 under:

14 (A) Section 1342 (relating to veteran plates and  
15 placard).

16 (B) Section 1345 (relating to special plates for  
17 recipients of the Medal of Honor).

18 (C) Section 1346 (relating to special plates for  
19 recipients of Purple Heart).

20 (D) Section 1348 (relating to special plates for  
21 Pearl Harbor survivors).

22 (E) Section 1350 (relating to special plates for  
23 veterans of Korean War).

24 (F) Section 1350.1 (relating to special plates  
25 for recipients of Korean Defense Service Medal).

26 (G) Section 1351 (relating to special plates for  
27 veterans of Persian Gulf War).

28 (H) Section 1356 (relating to special plates for  
29 recipients of Expeditionary Forces Medal).

30 (I) Section 1357 (relating to special plates for

1 World War II veterans).

2 (J) Section 1357.1 (relating to special plates  
3 for individuals in the service of the United States  
4 Merchant Marine).

5 (K) Section 1360 (relating to special plates for  
6 veterans of Vietnam Conflict).

7 (L) Section 1361 (relating to special motorcycle  
8 plates related to veterans).

9 (M) Section 1362 (relating to Operation Iraqi  
10 Freedom veterans plate).

11 (N) Section 1363 (relating to Operation Enduring  
12 Freedom veterans plate).

13 (O) Section 1363.1 (relating to Afghanistan and  
14 Iraq veterans plate).

15 (P) Section 1364 (relating to special plates for  
16 veterans).

17 (Q) Section 1364.1 (relating to special plates  
18 for current members of the armed forces of the United  
19 States).

20 (R) Section 1365 (relating to Gold Star Family  
21 plate).

22 (S) Section 1366 (relating to special plates for  
23 recipients of Silver Star).

24 (T) Section 1366.1 (relating to special plates  
25 for United States military airborne units).

26 (U) Section 1366.2 (relating to Blue Star Family  
27 plate).

28 (V) Section 1366.3 (relating to special plates  
29 for recipients of Air Medal).

30 (W) Section 1367 (relating to special plates for

1 recipients of Bronze Star).

2 (X) Section 1368 (relating to special plates for  
3 recipients of Bronze Star for Valor).

4 (Y) Section 1368.1 (relating to special plates  
5 for recipients of Soldier's Medal).

6 (Z) Section 1368.2 (relating to special plates  
7 for recipients of Presidential Service Badge).

8 (AA) Section 1368.3 (relating to special plates  
9 for recipients of Legion of Merit).

10 (BB) Section 1369 (relating to special plates  
11 for recipients of Distinguished Service Cross,  
12 Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force  
13 Cross).

14 (CC) Section 1369.1 (relating to special plates  
15 for recipients of Combat Action Badge, Combat  
16 Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Combat  
17 Action Medal or Combat Medical Badge).

18 (DD) Section 1369.3 (relating to special plates  
19 for veterans of an ally foreign country).

20 (EE) Any special plates honoring military  
21 service authorized by law that is consistent with  
22 this paragraph. The secretary shall transmit notice  
23 of any plates under this clause to the Legislative  
24 Reference Bureau for publication in the next  
25 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

26 (iii) A registration plate under subparagraph (ii),  
27 reissued under subparagraph (i), that is also a personal  
28 registration plate shall be reissued at no cost to the  
29 registrant with the same registration plate number unless  
30 waived in writing by the registrant.

1           (3) An individual employed as a staff person in a  
2 district office of a member of the Senate or House of  
3 Representatives of the Commonwealth shall be an authorized  
4 representative of the department for purposes of paragraph  
5 (1), if the individual has completed a training program,  
6 approved by the department, for making the determination  
7 required by paragraph (1), which shall be accompanied by a  
8 photograph of the illegible registration plate.

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10 § 1344. Use of farm vehicle plates.

11           (a) General rule.--A truck or truck tractor bearing farm  
12 vehicle registration plates shall be used exclusively upon a  
13 farm or farms owned or operated by the registrant of the vehicle  
14 or upon highways between:

15           \* \* \*

16           (3) Such a farm or farms and a place of business or  
17 place of residence for the purpose of buying or selling  
18 agricultural commodities or supplies[.], regardless of  
19 whether the vehicle is operated by the registrant of the  
20 vehicle or an employee of the registrant of the vehicle.

21           \* \* \*

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

23 § 1355.2. Pennsylvania Sportsman plate.

24 (a) Design.--No later than 60 days after the effective date  
25 of this section, the department, in consultation with the  
26 Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat  
27 Commission, shall design a special Pennsylvania Sportsman  
28 registration plate.

29 (b) Application.--Upon application by any person and payment  
30 of a \$40 fee, which shall be in addition to the registration

1 fee, the department shall issue a Pennsylvania Sportsman  
2 registration plate to the person.

3 (c) Limitation on gross weight.--The special registration  
4 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a  
5 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

6 (d) Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.--

7 (1) The Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account is  
8 established in the State Treasury. The money in the  
9 restricted account is appropriated on a continuing basis to  
10 the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Pennsylvania Fish and  
11 Boat Commission as provided under this subsection.

12 (2) The sum of \$14 of each fee collected under  
13 subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Youth Hunting and  
14 Fishing Restricted Account.

15 (3) The money in the Youth Hunting and Fishing  
16 Restricted Account shall be allocated as follows:

17 (i) Fifty percent of the money in the restricted  
18 account shall be allocated to the Pennsylvania Game  
19 Commission for the purpose of conducting activities that  
20 promote youth hunter education.

21 (ii) Fifty percent of the money in the restricted  
22 account shall be allocated to the Pennsylvania Fish and  
23 Boat Commission for the purpose of conducting activities  
24 that promote youth fishing education.

25 (4) The Pennsylvania Game Commission and the  
26 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission may not use money  
27 allocated to them under this subsection for salaries or  
28 administrative expenses.

29 Section 3. Sections 1358.2(b) and 1361 of Title 75 are  
30 amended to read:

1 § 1358.2. Distracted Driving Awareness plate.

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3 [(b) Expiration.--This section shall expire December 31,  
4 2025.]

5 § 1361. Special motorcycle plates related to veterans.

6 (a) [Honorably discharged veterans.--Upon application of any  
7 person who is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed  
8 forces of the United States, or a reserve component of the armed  
9 forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to  
10 definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20] Veterans.--Upon  
11 application of any person who is a veteran as defined under 51  
12 Pa.C.S. § 7101.2 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee  
13 of \$26 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee  
14 and by such documentation as the department shall require, the  
15 department shall issue to the person a special registration  
16 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a  
17 veteran. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
18 motorcycle.

19 (a.1) Women veterans.--Upon application of any woman who is  
20 a veteran as defined under 51 Pa.C.S. § 7101.2, accompanied by a  
21 fee of \$26 which shall be in addition to the annual registration  
22 fee and by such documentation as the department shall require,  
23 the department shall issue to the person a special registration  
24 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a  
25 woman veteran. The special registration plate may be used only  
26 on a motorcycle.

27 (b) Honoring our veterans.--Upon application of any person,  
28 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the  
29 annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
30 department shall require, the department shall issue to the

1 person a special registration plate designating the motorcycle  
2 as belonging to a person who is honoring veterans of the armed  
3 forces of the United States. The special registration plate may  
4 be used only on a motorcycle. The Veterans' Trust Fund shall  
5 receive \$15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate.

6 (c) Honoring our women veterans.--Upon application of any  
7 person, accompanied by a fee of \$41, which shall be in addition  
8 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
9 department shall require, the department shall issue to the  
10 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle as  
11 belonging to a person who is honoring women veterans of the  
12 armed forces of the United States. The special registration  
13 plate may be used only on a motorcycle. The Veterans' Trust Fund  
14 shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the  
15 plate. The portion of the fee transferred to the Veterans' Trust  
16 Fund under this subsection shall be used for programs and  
17 resources that assist women veterans.

18 Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
19 § 1362.1. Operation Inherent Resolve veterans plate.

20 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the  
21 military intervention against the Islamic State of Iraq and the  
22 Levant, which encompasses campaigns in Iraq, Syria and Libya,  
23 accompanied by a fee of \$26 which shall be in addition to the  
24 registration fee and by documentation as the department shall  
25 require, the department shall issue to the person a special  
26 registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as  
27 belonging to a person who is a veteran of Operation Inherent  
28 Resolve. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
29 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
30 more than 14,000 pounds.



1 Section 5. Section 1364(a) of Title 75 is amended and the  
2 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

3 § 1364. Special plates for veterans.

4 (a) [Honorably discharged veterans.--Upon application of any  
5 person who is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed  
6 forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed  
7 forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to  
8 definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20] Veterans.--Upon  
9 application of any person who is a veteran as defined under 51  
10 Pa.C.S. § 7101.2 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee  
11 of \$26 which shall be in addition to the annual 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]. The special  
16 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck  
17 with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

18 (a.1) Women veterans.--Upon application of any woman who is  
19 a veteran as defined under 51 Pa.C.S. § 7101.2, accompanied by a  
20 fee of \$26 which shall be in addition to the annual registration  
21 fee and by such documentation as the department shall require,  
22 the department shall issue to the person a special registration  
23 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a  
24 woman veteran. The special registration plate may be used only  
25 on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of  
26 not more than 14,000 pounds.

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28 Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

29 § 1368.4. Special plates for recipients of Borinqueneers

30 Congressional Gold Medal.

1 (a) Issuance.--Upon application of a person who is a  
2 recipient of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal,  
3 accompanied by a fee of \$26 which shall be in addition to the  
4 annual registration fee and any documentation the department  
5 requires, the department shall issue to the person a special  
6 registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as  
7 belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Borinqueneers  
8 Congressional Gold Medal.

9 (b) Limitation.--A special registration plate under this  
10 section may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a  
11 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

12 (c) Design.--The department shall design and produce the  
13 special registration plate under this section to display the  
14 Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal emblem and the words  
15 "Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal" at the bottom of each  
16 plate. Each special registration plate under this section that  
17 is not personalized shall also include the letter "B" as a  
18 prefix or suffix to the numerals on the special registration  
19 plate.

20 Section 7. Section 1901(c) and (d) (2) of Title 75 are  
21 amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding paragraphs to  
22 read:

23 § 1901. Exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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25 (b) Title and registration fees.--No fee shall be charged  
26 for titling or registration of any of the following:

27 \* \* \*

28 (6) Vehicles registered to a veteran who lost a limb or  
29 eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the  
30 armed forces of the United States.

1           (7) Vehicles registered to a person who, as a member of  
2 the armed forces of the United States, was captured by the  
3 enemy in any armed conflict for which the Department of  
4 Defense authorizes a campaign medal.

5           (8) Vehicles registered to a person who has been awarded  
6 the Congressional Medal of Honor or the Purple Heart.

7           \* \* \*

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

13           (1) Hospital.

14           (2) Humane society.

15           (3) Nonprofit youth center.

16           (4) American Red Cross.

17           (5) Church.

18           (6) Girl Scouts of America.

19           (7) Boy Scouts of America.

20           (8) Salvation Army.

21           (9) Duly chartered posts of national veterans'  
22 organizations.

23           (10) Young Men's Christian Association.

24           (11) Young Men's Hebrew Association.

25           (12) Young Women's Christian Association.

26           (13) Young Women's Hebrew Association.

27           (14) Jewish Community Center.

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

30           (16) [Any] (i) Subject to adjustment under subparagraph

1        (ii), a person who is retired and receiving social  
2        security or other pension and whose total annual income  
3        does not exceed [\$19,200] \$29,906. Unless the retired  
4        person is physically or mentally incapable of driving the  
5        vehicle, the retired person shall be the principal driver  
6        of the vehicle but may from time to time authorize  
7        another person to drive the vehicle in his or her stead.

8        (ii) Beginning the first day of January following  
9        the year of the effective date of this subparagraph and  
10       each January 1 thereafter, the maximum total annual  
11       income amount in subparagraph (i) shall be fixed annually  
12       by the department based upon the maximum amount in the  
13       prior year as adjusted to reflect the change in the  
14       Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for  
15       the United States for all items as published by the  
16       United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
17       Statistics, for the previous 12-month period. The maximum  
18       amount as adjusted shall be rounded to the nearest  
19       multiple of \$1. The department shall transmit notice of  
20       the new maximum amount to the Legislative Reference  
21       Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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

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

30       (19) Any person who has been awarded the Congressional

1 Medal of Honor.]

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

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

6 (22) Nonprofit mobile aviation museum.

7 (23) Nonprofit corporations that provide ambulance or  
8 emergency medical services.

9 (d) Limitations.--

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11 (2) Only one passenger car or truck with a registered  
12 gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds may be registered  
13 to any person under the provisions of subsection (b) (4), (6),  
14 (7) and (8) and subsection (c) (16) [, (17), (18) and (19)].

15 \* \* \*

16 Section 8. This act shall take effect as follows:

17 (1) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1333(b.1) and 1344(a)  
18 (3) shall take effect in 60 days.

19 (2) The amendment or addition of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1361,  
20 1362.1, 1364 and 1368.4 shall take effect in 120 days.

21 (3) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1901 shall take effect  
22 in five months.

23 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect  
24 immediately.