

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Camille "Bud" George
Democratic Chairman, Environmental Resources & Energy Committee

SUBJECT: License Plate Auction Legislation

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I soon will introduce legislation that provides for the Internet auction of vehicle registration license plates. This legislation would amend Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by creating a new §1334.2.

The bill would allow for individuals to auction their license plates. The state Department of Transportation would conduct the auctions via its website. A portion of the auction proceeds, 25 percent, would be remitted to PennDOT when the transaction occurs. The seller would receive the balance of the amount.

Notably, the language calls for PennDOT to establish procedures for the transfer of the existing plate that is sold, along with the issuance of a new plate to the seller. The intent of the legislation is not for any new registration fees to be borne by the seller or buyer who has already paid a yearly registration fee for the registered vehicle.

As transportation funding remains a hot topic, the auction revenue could be used to repair Pennsylvania's infrastructure, including our damaged roads and bridges.

It should be noted that special issued plates are excluded from auction, such as a member's Representative plate, a veteran's plate, or firefighter's plate. This legislation is meant for license plates used by the general population that may be unique or individualized. That said, plates issued for emergency or commercial vehicles would likewise be excluded.

Please join me in sponsoring this legislation as we look seek new and innovative ways to fund transportation projects.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-7316 or by email at cgeorge@pahouse.net.