AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 1
- Statutes, providing for transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human habitation. 2
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- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 4
- hereby enacts as follows: 5
- Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 6
- Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: 7
- § 1111.1. Transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human 8
- habitation. 9
- (a) Tax status certification. -- If a mobile home or 10
- manufactured home that has been anchored to the ground to 11
- facilitate connections with electricity, water and sewerage, is 12
- 13 offered for sale or transfer, the transferor shall obtain a tax
- status certification from the tax collection authority of the 14
- 15 municipality in which the vehicle is situated and the tax claim
- bureau or equivalent office of the county in which the vehicle 16
- 17 is situated. The tax status certification shall be provided to
- 18 the transferee and the department in conjunction with the

- 1 transfer of the vehicle and shall include the following:
- 2 (1) The parcel number assigned to the vehicle.
- 3 (2) The amount of current or delinquent taxes owed from
- 4 <u>the parcel number.</u>
- 5 (3) The date upon which a tax for the parcel number will
- 6 accrue and the taxing period that the tax will cover.
- 7 (4) The addresses and telephone numbers of the tax
- 8 collection authority and tax claim bureau or equivalent
- 9 office.
- 10 (b) Certification obtained by third party. -- The transferor
- 11 may request a notary public or other officer empowered to
- 12 administer oaths or a vehicle dealer or its employee licensed by
- 13 the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and
- 14 Salespersons and authorized by the department to complete
- 15 certificate of title transfer paperwork to obtain the tax status
- 16 certification on his behalf. The person or entity obtaining the
- 17 tax status certification on behalf of the transferor may collect
- 18 a nominal fee for each certification and is not liable to the
- 19 transferor, transferee or a taxing authority for an error or
- 20 omission on the tax status certification or for payment of a tax
- 21 <u>due</u>.
- 22 (c) Taxes due.--If taxes are due from the vehicle, the
- 23 transferor shall pay the taxes in full or cause the taxes to be
- 24 paid in full and an updated tax status certification must be
- 25 issued and provided to the transferee and the department before
- 26 the transfer is completed. Payment shall be made either to the
- 27 taxing authority or other appropriate authority authorized to
- 28 accept payments for delinquent taxes.
- 29 (d) Tax liability.--Issuance of a tax status certification
- 30 under this section relieves the transferor or transferee of the

- 1 <u>vehicle</u> and a third party that secured the tax status
- 2 <u>certification under subsection (b), from tax liability that</u>
- 3 accrued for the vehicle prior to the date the tax status
- 4 <u>certification was issued.</u>
- 5 (e) Issuance of certification. -- Notwithstanding any other
- 6 provision of law and regardless of the timing of a tax due to
- 7 accrue to the vehicle, the tax collection authority, Tax Claim
- 8 Bureau or an equivalent office shall issue a tax status
- 9 certification as provided in this section upon request by the
- 10 <u>transferor or transferor's agent.</u>
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.