

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in fees, providing for exemption of active
3 volunteer first responders from fees.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 1901.1. Exemption of active volunteer first responders
9 from fees.

10 (a) General rule.--No fees shall be charged under sections
11 1305 (relating to application for registration) and 1309
12 (relating to renewal of registration) to an active volunteer
13 first responder certified under subsection (b) for a vehicle
14 owned by the active volunteer first responder to respond to
15 emergencies.

16 (b) Certification.--To receive an exemption under subsection
17 (a), the department shall certify an individual as an active
18 volunteer first responder. To obtain certification under this

1 subsection:

2 (1) An applicant for certification as an active first
3 responder shall submit a signed application to the executive
4 officer.

5 (2) The executive officer and another officer of the
6 first response organization shall:

7 (i) Sign the application attesting to the
8 individual's status as an active first responder.

9 (ii) Forward the application to the department for
10 final review and approval.

11 (iii) Submit vehicle information for the vehicle
12 used by the active first responder to respond to
13 emergencies.

14 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
15 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
16 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Active first responder." A member of a first response
18 organization.

19 "Emergency medical services agency." As defined in 35
20 Pa.C.S. § 8103 (relating to definitions).

21 "Executive officer." The chief or president of the first
22 response organization that a qualified applicant serves.

23 "First response organization." Any of the following:

24 (1) An emergency medical services agency.

25 (2) A volunteer fire company.

26 (3) A volunteer rescue company.

27 "Volunteer fire company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802
28 (relating to definitions).

29 "Volunteer rescue company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.