

BOARD OF VEHICLES ACT - LICENSING COST
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AN ACT

Amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), entitled
"An act providing for the State Board of Vehicle
Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons; and providing
penalties," providing for licensing cost.

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

Section 1. The act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84),
known as the Board of Vehicles Act, is amended by adding a
section to read:

Section 27.1 Licensing cost.

(a) **Licensing cost.**--Subject to the limitations established
under subsection (c), a licensed dealer who has a contract with
the Department of Transportation pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. § 7501
(relating to authorization of messenger and agent services) may
charge the purchaser of a vehicle a licensing cost permissible
under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 19 (relating to fees) and the act of
December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade
Practices and Consumer Protection Law, and regulations
promulgated thereunder, to include any of the following:

(1) The actual cost incurred by the dealer for fees
associated with titling and registering the vehicle,
including messenger fees, notary fees and electronic
transaction fees.

(2) A documentary preparation charge for:

(i) Preparation and completion of documents required
to register and license the vehicle under 75 Pa.C.S.
(relating to vehicles).

(ii) Collection and submission of taxes payable by
the purchaser.

(iii) Preparation of any other information
associated with titling and registration of a vehicle.

(b) **Out-of-State title.**--The provisions of subsection (a)
shall apply whether or not the purchaser intends to title and
register the vehicle outside this Commonwealth.

(c) **Limitations.**--The following limitations shall apply:

(1) A dealer which provides electronic transaction
services for documents under subsection (a)(2) may impose a
maximum charge of \$100 for calendar year 2008 and a maximum
charge of \$120 for calendar year 2009.

(2) A dealer which does not provide electronic
transaction services for document preparation under
subsection (a)(2) may impose a maximum charge of \$80 for

calendar year 2008 and a maximum charge of \$100 for calendar year 2009.

(d) Adjustment.--Beginning in January 2010, and annually thereafter, the licensing cost for documentary preparation shall be adjusted in accordance with the Federal Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for all items as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the previous 12-month period on a cumulative basis. Any adjustment which is less than 50¢ shall be rounded down to the next lowest dollar amount and any adjustment which is 50¢ or greater shall be rounded up to the next highest dollar amount.

(e) Fees.--Licensing costs under this section shall not be considered fees for purposes of section 30 or 31.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 9th day of July, A. D. 2008.

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