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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for certificates of title and for  
3 registration of animal-drawn vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1102. Vehicles not requiring certificate of title.

9 No certificate of title is required for:

10 (1) A vehicle owned by the United States unless it is  
11 registered in this Commonwealth.

12 (2) A golf cart, motor-driven cycle, go-cart or other  
13 similar vehicle unless it is registered in this Commonwealth.

14 (3) A new vehicle owned by a manufacturer or registered  
15 dealer before and until sale.

16 (4) A vehicle owned by a nonresident of this  
17 Commonwealth and not required by law to be registered in this  
18 Commonwealth.

1           (5) A vehicle owned by a resident legally required to be  
2 registered in another state, based and used principally  
3 outside of this Commonwealth, and not required by law to be  
4 registered in this Commonwealth.

5           (6) A vehicle regularly engaged in the interstate  
6 transportation of persons or property for which a currently  
7 effective certificate of title has been issued in another  
8 state.

9           (7) A vehicle moved solely by human [or animal] power.

10          (8) An implement of husbandry unless required to be  
11 registered.

12          (9) Special mobile equipment unless required to be  
13 registered.

14          (10) A multipurpose agricultural vehicle.

15          (11) A tow dolly.

16          Section 2. Section 1302 of Title 75, amended December 21,  
17 1998 (P.L.       , No.151), is amended to read:

18 § 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

19          The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

20          (1) Any vehicle used in conformance with the provisions  
21 of this chapter relating to dealers, persons registered under  
22 any of the miscellaneous motor vehicle business classes or  
23 nonresidents.

24          (2) Any implement of husbandry, trailer or semitrailer  
25 determined by the department to be used exclusively for  
26 agricultural operations and only infrequently operated upon  
27 highways. Vehicles exempt from registration under this  
28 paragraph shall be used exclusively upon a farm or farms  
29 owned or operated by the owner of the vehicle or upon  
30 highways between:

1 (i) Parts of one such farm.

2 (ii) Such farms located not more than 25 miles  
3 apart.

4 (iii) Such farm or farms and a place of business  
5 located within a radius of 25 miles from such farm or  
6 farms for the purpose of buying or selling agricultural  
7 commodities or supplies or for delivery, repair or  
8 servicing of the vehicle.

9 (3) Any self-propelled golf cart used for the  
10 transportation of persons engaged in the game of golf while  
11 crossing any public highway during any game of golf.

12 (4) Any vehicle moved by special permit as provided for  
13 in sections 4965 (relating to single permits for multiple  
14 highway crossings), 4966 (relating to permit for movement of  
15 quarry equipment), and 4970(a) (relating to permit for  
16 movement of construction equipment).

17 (5) Any vehicle registered and displaying plates issued  
18 in a foreign country by the armed forces of the United States  
19 for a period of 45 days from the date of the return of the  
20 owner to the United States.

21 (6) Any vehicle owned by a resident legally required to  
22 be registered in another state based and used principally  
23 outside of this Commonwealth.

24 (7) Any vehicle moved solely by human [or animal] power.

25 (9) Any mobile home or modular housing unit.

26 (10) Any farm vehicle used exclusively upon a farm or  
27 farms owned or operated by the owner of the vehicle.

28 (i) Type I--Such a farm vehicle which does not  
29 qualify as a motor carrier vehicle may be driven upon  
30 highways only from sunrise to sunset. However, a farm

1 vehicle which qualifies as a motor carrier vehicle and  
2 displays a currently valid certificate of inspection may  
3 be driven upon highways without any restriction as to  
4 time. Such a farm vehicle may only be driven on highways  
5 between:

6 (A) Parts of one such farm.

7 (B) Such farms located not more than 25 miles  
8 apart.

9 (C) Such farm or farms and a place of business  
10 located within a radius of 25 miles from such farm or  
11 farms for the purpose of buying or selling  
12 agricultural commodities or supplies.

13 (D) Such farm or farms and a place of business  
14 located within a radius of 50 miles from such farm or  
15 farms for the purpose of repair or servicing of the  
16 farm vehicle.

17 (ii) Type II--Such a farm vehicle which does qualify  
18 as a motor carrier vehicle and which does not display a  
19 currently valid certificate of inspection may be driven  
20 upon highways only from sunrise to sunset and between:

21 (A) Parts of one such farm.

22 (B) Such farms located not more than ten miles  
23 apart.

24 (C) Such farm or farms and a place of business  
25 located within a radius of ten miles from such farm  
26 or farms for the purpose of buying or selling  
27 agricultural commodities or supplies.

28 (D) Such farm or farms and a place of business  
29 located within a radius of 25 miles from such farm or  
30 farms for the purpose of repair or servicing of the

1 farm vehicle.

2 (iii) A biennial certificate of exemption shall be  
3 required for such a farm vehicle.

4 (iv) The owner of the farm vehicle shall maintain  
5 such minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on  
6 the vehicle as are required to be maintained under  
7 Chapter 17 (relating to financial responsibility) by  
8 owners of registered motor vehicles. The owner shall  
9 satisfy the requirements of this subparagraph if the  
10 minimum amounts of liability insurance coverage for the  
11 farm vehicle have been provided under farm liability  
12 insurance coverage maintained generally by the owner.  
13 Coverage prescribed in Subchapter B of Chapter 17 shall  
14 not be required to be maintained or provided for the farm  
15 vehicle.

16 (11) Any trailer or semitrailer, including but not  
17 limited to non-self-propelled special mobile equipment, to be  
18 used primarily for off highway use and only operated  
19 incidentally upon the highway.

20 (12) Any military vehicle used for training by a  
21 private, nonprofit, tax exempt military educational  
22 institution when such vehicle does not travel on public roads  
23 in excess of one mile and the property on both sides of the  
24 public road is owned by the institution.

25 (13) Any oversized or overweight vehicle which may be  
26 moved or operated only under a permit and without a load  
27 pursuant to section 4961(a) (relating to authority to issue  
28 permits) and 4962(f) (relating to when loads permitted).

29 (14) Any vehicle used for golf course or resort  
30 maintenance when such vehicle does not travel on public roads

1 in excess of one mile and the property on both sides of the  
2 public road is owned by said golf course or resort.

3 (15) Any motor vehicle being towed.

4 (16) Any trailer registered in another state towed by a  
5 motor vehicle registered in this Commonwealth provided:

6 (i) the owner has as many trailers registered in  
7 this Commonwealth as combinations so registered; or

8 (ii) the towing vehicle is being operated under a  
9 permanent lease to a person meeting the requirements of  
10 subparagraph (i).

11 (17) Any multipurpose agricultural vehicle. Vehicles  
12 exempt from registration under this paragraph shall be used  
13 exclusively upon a farm or farms owned or operated by the  
14 owner of the vehicles or upon highways between:

15 (i) Parts of one such farm.

16 (ii) Such farms located not more than two miles  
17 apart.

18 (18) Any farm and garden vehicle under 20 horsepower  
19 driven incidentally upon a highway, as determined by the  
20 department.

21 (19) A tow dolly.

22 Section 3. Section 1912 of Title 75 is amended to read:

23 § 1912. Passenger cars.

24 The annual fee for registration of a passenger car and of a  
25 vehicle drawn by animal power shall be \$36.

26 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.