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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 11, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for the annual renewal of registrations
3 and drivers' licenses by the county treasurer acting as agent
4 of the department, making appropriations and repealing
5 certain provisions.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
9 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added
10 June 17, 1976 (P.L.162, No.81), is amended by adding a section
11 to read:

12 § 1304.1. Registration by county treasurers.

13 (a) Use of fees.--The treasurer of each county shall act as
14 the agent of the department for the receiving of applications
15 and issuing registration cards and plates for the annual
16 renewals of registration of vehicles and for the collection of
17 the fees fixed by law for such renewal of registration of
18 vehicles. From the fees established by law and collected for
19 each such renewal of registration the treasurer shall retain for

1 the use of the county the sum of \$1, and all such moneys are
2 hereby appropriated for such purposes. The money so received by
3 the county shall be used for paying salaries of clerical help,
4 postage, stationery and all other expenses incurred in issuing
5 such registrations and the balance thereof for the construction,
6 maintenance and repair of roads and bridges.

7 (b) Records to be kept.--The treasurer of each county shall
8 keep in his office a file or book to be furnished by the
9 department containing at all times a correct and complete record
10 of all renewal registrations issued by him and he shall at the
11 end of each week transmit to the department all such
12 applications received by him, a statement showing all
13 registrations issued by him, and the numbers assigned to each
14 applicant, all fees collected by him during such weeks, and any
15 other information and data the department may require.

16 (c) Records open to inspection.--All books, records and
17 papers of the county treasurer relating to the registration of
18 vehicles shall, at any reasonable time, be open to the
19 inspection of any officer of the Commonwealth and to any
20 representative of the department or the Department of the
21 Auditor General.

22 (d) Renewals.--Any owner of a vehicle who desires to renew
23 the registration of such vehicle as provided by law may make
24 application for such renewal of registration to the treasurer of
25 his respective county or, if the applicant is not a resident of
26 any county of the Commonwealth, then the application may be made
27 to the treasurer of the county in which such applicant may be
28 for the time being. Such application shall be made on blanks to
29 be furnished by the department and shall be in the same form as
30 now or hereafter prescribed by law.

1 (e) Payment of fee, issuance of plates and cards.--At the
2 time of making such application for renewal of registration,
3 there shall be paid to the county treasurer the registration fee
4 now or hereafter fixed by law, whereupon the proper registration
5 plates and cards which shall be furnished by the department
6 shall be issued to the applicant by the treasurer.

7 Section 2. Sections 1305(a) and 1308(a) of Title 75 are
8 amended to read:

9 § 1305. Application for registration.

10 (a) General rule.--Application for the registration of a
11 vehicle shall be made either to the treasurer of the county in
12 which the applicant resides or as hereinbefore provided for
13 applicants not having a residence within the Commonwealth or to
14 the department upon the appropriate form or forms furnished by
15 the department. The application shall contain the full name and
16 address of the owner or owners; the make, model, year and
17 vehicle identification number of the vehicle; and such other
18 information as the department may require. Applicants for
19 registration of a truck, truck tractor, trailer or bus shall
20 provide the vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), or the
21 Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR), as applicable. If the
22 manufacturer's ratings are not available, the applicant shall
23 provide sufficient information as to the horsepower, braking
24 capacity and such other data as necessary for the department to
25 determine an equivalent measure of the vehicle's hauling and
26 stopping capability. If the applicant wishes to register a
27 vehicle at a registered gross weight less than the gross vehicle
28 weight rating, the application shall include information as to
29 weight, load and any other such information as the department
30 may require. The application shall be accompanied by proof of

1 insurance and the applicable fee.

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3 § 1308. Issuance of registration card.

4 (a) General rule.--The department, upon registering a
5 vehicle, or renewing a registration thereof or the county
6 treasurer acting as the agent of the department upon receiving a
7 proper application for the renewal of registration of a vehicle
8 from a person entitled thereto as herein provided, together with
9 the fee fixed by this act, shall issue to the registrant a
10 registration card which shall contain the registration number
11 assigned to the vehicle, the name and address of the registrant
12 and the name of the owner, if other than the registrant, a
13 description of the vehicle including the vehicle identification
14 number, the expiration date and such other information as may be
15 determined by the department.

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17 Section 3. Section 1309 of Title 75 is repealed.

18 Section 4. Section 1510(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:

19 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

20 (a) General rule.--The department shall, either directly or
21 through the county treasurer as hereinafter provided upon
22 payment of the required fee, issue to every qualified applicant
23 a driver's license indicating the type or general class of
24 vehicles the licensee is authorized to drive, which license
25 shall contain a distinguishing number identifying the licensee,
26 the actual name, date of birth, residence address, a color
27 photograph of the licensee, such other information as may be
28 required by the department, and either a facsimile of the
29 signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee
30 shall write his usual signature with pen and ink. Personal

1 medical data and other information for use in an emergency may
2 be included as a part of the license. Information other than
3 that required to identify the licensee, the distinguishing
4 number and the class of license issued may be included in
5 microdata form. No driver's license shall be valid until it has
6 been signed by the licensee.

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8 Section 5. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
9 § 1510.1. Issuance of drivers' licenses by counties.

10 (a) Use of fees.--The treasurer of each county shall act as
11 the agent of the department for the receiving of applications
12 and issuing drivers' license cards for the renewals of drivers'
13 licenses and for the collection of the fees fixed by law for
14 such renewals. From the fees established by law and collected
15 for each such renewal the treasurer shall retain for the use of
16 the county the sum of 50¢, and all such moneys are hereby
17 appropriated for such purposes. The money so received by the
18 county shall be used for paying salaries of clerical help,
19 postage, stationery and all other expenses incurred in issuing
20 such drivers' license cards and the balance thereof for the
21 construction, maintenance and repair of roads and bridges.

22 (b) Records to be kept.--The treasurer of each county shall
23 keep in his office a file or book to be furnished by the
24 department containing at all times a correct and complete record
25 of all renewed driver's license cards issued by him and he shall
26 at the end of each week transmit to the department all such
27 applications received by him, a statement showing all renewed
28 drivers' license cards issued by him, and the numbers assigned
29 to each applicant, all fees collected by him during such weeks,
30 and any other information and data the department may require.

1 (c) Records open to inspection.--All books, records and
2 papers of the county treasurer relating to the renewal of
3 drivers' licenses shall, at any reasonable time, be open to the
4 inspection of any officer of the Commonwealth and to any
5 representative of the department or the Department of the
6 Auditor General.

7 (d) Renewal.--Any licensed driver who desires to renew his
8 driver's license as provided by law may make application for
9 such renewal to the treasurer of his respective county or, if
10 the applicant is not a resident of any county of the
11 Commonwealth, then the application may be made to the treasurer
12 of the county in which such applicant may be for the time being.
13 Such applications shall be made on blanks to be furnished by the
14 department and shall be in the same form as now or hereafter
15 prescribed by law.

16 (e) Payment of fees; issuance of cards.--At the time of
17 making such application for renewal of drivers' licenses, there
18 shall be paid to the county treasurer the fee now or hereafter
19 fixed by law, whereupon the proper cards which shall be
20 furnished by the department shall be issued to the applicants by
21 the treasurer.

22 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 120 days.