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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, authorizing the issuance of firefighter
3 registration plates.

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

6 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1334 of Title
7 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 1334. Return of registration plate.

10 (a) General rule.--Registration plates shall be returned to
11 the department under the following circumstances:

12 (1) A registration plate shall be returned if the
13 registrant no longer has a vehicle titled in this
14 Commonwealth.

1 (2) A legislative registration plate shall be returned
2 on the expiration or termination of the term of office of the
3 legislative member.

4 (3) A dealer or "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business"
5 registration plate shall be returned if the business is
6 discontinued.

7 (4) A handicapped registration plate shall be returned
8 if the person to whom it was issued no longer qualifies under
9 section 1338 (relating to handicapped plate).

10 (5) A firefighter registration plate shall be returned
11 if the person to whom it was issued no longer is an employee
12 or member of a fire department or fire company.

13 (b) Time for return of plate.--

14 (1) Each registration plate required to be returned
15 under [this section] subsection (a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) shall
16 be returned to the department within five days of the
17 occurrence requiring its return.

18 (2) Each registration plate required to be returned
19 under subsection (a)(5) shall be returned to the department
20 within 15 days of the occurrence requiring its return.

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22 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

23 § 1342.1. Firefighter plate.

24 (a) Issuance of plate.--On the application of any person who
25 is actively engaged in firefighting activities as an employee of
26 a fire department or as a member of a volunteer fire company,
27 and upon submission of satisfactory proof of such activities,
28 the department shall issue a special registration plate
29 indicating that the vehicle is owned by a firefighter. No
30 applicant shall be entitled to more than one firefighter plate.

1 Each renewal of registration shall be accompanied by a statement
2 signed by the applicant, on a form prepared by the department,
3 declaring that the applicant continues to qualify for a
4 firefighter registration plate.

5 (b) Design of plate.--The design of the firefighter plate
6 shall be approved by the department and shall bear a maltese
7 cross and the letters "F.D."

8 (c) Penalties.--Any person violating this section is guilty
9 of a summary offense and upon conviction shall be sentenced to
10 pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 and, in
11 addition, shall be thereafter ineligible for future receipt of a
12 firefighter registration plate.

13 § 1930.1. Firefighter registration plates.

14 The fee for issuance of a firefighter registration plate
15 shall be \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual
16 registration fee. Only one payment of the issuance fee shall be
17 charged for each firefighter registration issued or replaced.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.