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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, exempting ex-prisoners of war from paying any fees
3 for titling or registration of vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1901 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1901. Exemption of entities and vehicles from fees.

9 (a) Governmental and quasi-governmental entities.--Except as
10 otherwise specifically provided in this title, no fees shall be
11 charged under this title to any of the following:

12 (1) The Commonwealth.

13 (2) Political subdivisions.

14 (3) State and local authorities.

15 (4) State-related institutions of higher learning.

16 (5) The Federal Government.

1 (6) Other states.

2 (b) Title and registration fees.--No fee shall be charged
3 for titling or registration of any of the following:

4 (1) Buses registered by urban mass transportation
5 systems.

6 (2) Vehicles registered by volunteer fire, rescue and
7 ambulance associations.

8 (3) Vehicles registered by foreign nationals with the
9 rank of vice consul or higher assigned to a consulate in this
10 Commonwealth provided that citizens of the United States are
11 granted reciprocal exemptions.

12 (4) Vehicles of totally disabled veterans whose
13 disability is certified by the service unit of the armed
14 forces in which the veterans served or by the United States
15 Veterans' Administration as service-connected.

16 (5) Vehicles on loan or transferred to a nonprofit
17 corporation by the United States Department of Defense or the
18 United States General Services Administration and used
19 exclusively for leasing to political subdivisions, State
20 agencies and the Federal Government. Such vehicles shall be
21 issued the same kind of registration plates as are issued to
22 vehicles registered by political subdivisions.

23 (6) A person who, as a member of the armed forces of the
24 United States, was captured by the enemy during World War I,
25 World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict or
26 in a future armed conflict for which the Department of
27 Defense authorizes a campaign medal.

28 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No
29 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any
30 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to

1 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the
2 registration:

- 3 (1) Hospital.
- 4 (2) Humane society.
- 5 (3) Nonprofit youth center.
- 6 (4) American Red Cross.
- 7 (5) Church.
- 8 (6) Girl Scouts of America.
- 9 (7) Boy Scouts of America.
- 10 (8) Salvation Army.
- 11 (9) Duly chartered posts of national veterans'
12 organizations.
- 13 (10) Young Men's Christian Association.
- 14 (11) Young Men's Hebrew Association.
- 15 (12) Young Women's Christian Association.
- 16 (13) Young Women's Hebrew Association.
- 17 (14) Jewish Community Center.
- 18 (15) Nonprofit corporations of musical marching groups
19 of youths.
- 20 (16) Any person who is retired and receiving social
21 security or other pension and whose total income does not
22 exceed \$14,999 per year. Unless the retired person is
23 physically or mentally incapable of driving the vehicle, the
24 retired person shall be the principal driver of the vehicle
25 but may from time to time authorize another person to drive
26 the vehicle in his or her stead.
- 27 (17) Any veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became
28 partially paralyzed while serving in the armed forces of the
29 United States.
- 30 [(18) A person who, as a member of the armed forces of

1 the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War
2 I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict
3 or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of
4 Defense authorizes a campaign medal.]

5 (19) Any person who has been awarded the Congressional
6 Medal of Honor.

7 (20) Nonprofit organizations which care for or otherwise
8 provide services for the elderly or the infirm.

9 (21) Nonprofit organizations which principally serve
10 mentally or physically handicapped or disabled persons.

11 (22) Nonprofit mobile aviation museum.

12 (d) Limitations.--

13 (1) Vehicles titled and registered under the provisions
14 of this section shall be operated and used exclusively for
15 the purpose for which the vehicles were entitled to the
16 exemptions from fees.

17 (2) Only one passenger vehicle or one other vehicle with
18 a gross weight or registered gross weight of not more than
19 9,000 pounds may be registered to any person under the
20 provisions of subsection (b)(4) and subsection (c)(16),
21 (17)[, (18)] and (19).

22 (e) Penalty.--Any person violating the provisions of this
23 section is guilty of a summary offense.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.