THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 595

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INTRODUCED BY SANTONI, TIGUE, STABACK, GEIST, PAYNE, GOOD, READSHAW, MARKOSEK, YOUNGBLOOD, BAKER, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, CAWLEY, KILLION, BEBKO-JONES, SOLOBAY, SAINATO, BUNT, DALEY, CALTAGIRONE, GERGELY AND BOYD, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 2 Statutes, further providing for special registration plates.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Section 1341 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
- 6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 7 § 1341. Special registration plates generally.
- 8 Upon request by the applicant, the department may issue
- 9 registration plates consisting of any combination of numbers,
- 10 letters or numbers and letters. These special plates may be
- 11 issued for special groups or for special purposes and bear an
- 12 appropriate designation. Special groups may charge a fee for
- 13 authorization to request a registration plate bearing the name
- 14 of the group. They shall have the same force and effect as
- 15 regular registration plates. The department may refuse any
- 16 combination of letters and numbers for cause and shall adopt
- 17 reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance of the plates

- 1 and for carrying out the provisions of this section. The
- 2 applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining
- 3 to registration including the payment of any additional fees.
- 4 The department is authorized to reissue a combination of numbers
- 5 or letters for a personal plate if the department records reveal
- 6 that no activity, such as renewal or transfer of the personal
- 7 registration plate, has occurred for a period of five or more
- 8 consecutive years and provided that the personal registration
- 9 plate was never reported as lost or stolen. Whenever the
- 10 department reissues an inactive personal plate, the department
- 11 may purge its records of all references to the previous owners
- 12 of that personal plate. The department shall, however, note upon
- 13 its records the reissuance of the personal plate and to whom the
- 14 plate was issued. <u>If the vehicle is licensed to a business that</u>
- 15 <u>is not a member of the special group, the department shall issue</u>
- 16 the plate as long as the business owner or officer making
- 17 application is a member of that group.
- 18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.