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J. WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the requirement for use of  
3 "miscellaneous motor vehicle business" registration plates.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1337 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1337. Use of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business"  
9 registration plates.

10 (a) General rule.--The department shall issue to owners of  
11 miscellaneous motor vehicle businesses with established places  
12 of business special registration plates which may be displayed  
13 on vehicles operated on highways in lieu of registering each  
14 vehicle individually. Registration plates issued under this  
15 section may be displayed upon vehicles only as provided for each  
16 of the following classes of miscellaneous motor vehicle  
17 business:

18 (1) For a repair or towing business:

1           (i) upon vehicles being used in the conduct of the  
2 repair business to retrieve, tow or deliver other  
3 vehicles or parts; and

4           (ii) upon vehicles being repaired.

5       (2) For a vehicle salvage dealer business:

6           (i) upon vehicles being used in the conduct of the  
7 vehicle salvage dealer's business to retrieve or deliver  
8 vehicles, vehicle hulks, parts or materials; and

9           (ii) upon vehicles being transported on their own  
10 wheels for the purpose of being dismantled or recycled.

11       (3) For a transporter business upon vehicles being  
12 transported on their own wheels in the conduct of the  
13 transporter business.

14       (4) For a financier or collector-repossessor business:

15           (i) upon vehicles being used to pick up vehicles  
16 that are being repossessed; and

17           (ii) upon vehicles being repossessed.

18       (5) For a watercraft trailer business:

19           (i) upon trailers used for the delivery of a new  
20 boat to its purchaser;

21           (ii) upon trailers used for the transport of a used  
22 boat which is to be resold by the dealer; and

23           (iii) upon trailers used for the transport of boats  
24 by a dealer to or from another boat dealer, warehouse,  
25 storage facility, boat show or repair facility or to and  
26 from a location where a boat is to be demonstrated,  
27 tested or inspected.

28       (5.1) For an automotive detailing and cosmetic grooming  
29 business:

30           (i) upon vehicles being used in the conduct of the

automotive detailing and cosmetic grooming business to  
retrieve or deliver vehicles, parts or materials; and  
(ii) upon vehicles being transported on their own  
wheels for the purpose of being detailed or groomed.

(6) For all classes of miscellaneous motor vehicle businesses upon vehicles used for the personal pleasure or use of the owner of the miscellaneous motor vehicle business or members of the owner's immediate family, or when the business is a corporation, upon vehicles used for the pleasure or use of not more than three officers or members of the officer's immediate family or for the personal use of the regular employees of the business when operated by the employee.

All vehicles specified in paragraphs (1)(i), (2)(i), (4)(i), (5.1)(i) and (6) must be titled in the name of the business or family member and sales tax must be paid.

(b) Application for registration.--Application for registration in any of the "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" classes shall be made upon a form provided by the department and shall set forth the full name and business address of the applicant and such other information as the department shall require. The application shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the applicant or, if the applicant is a partnership or a corporation, by a partner or officer.

(c) Classes of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business".--

(1) Repair or towing.--Any person regularly engaged in the business of mechanical or body repairs or towing for direct compensation of motor vehicles owned and operated by other persons.

(2) Vehicle salvage dealer.--Any person regularly

1 engaged in the business of acquiring and dismantling used,  
2 wrecked, damaged, abandoned or salvage vehicles for the  
3 purpose of selling the usable parts and selling the remaining  
4 vehicle hulk materials for recycling or processing.

5 (3) Transporter.--Any person regularly engaged in the  
6 business of transporting new or used vehicles on their own  
7 wheels, owned by or in possession of a manufacturer or  
8 dealer.

9 (4) Financier or collector-repossessor.--Any person who  
10 is duly authorized by the Department of Banking to do  
11 business in this Commonwealth as a financier or collector-  
12 repossessor and who is regularly engaged in the business of  
13 financing sales, making loans on the security of vehicles or  
14 repossessing vehicles which are the subject of installment  
15 sales contracts as an independent contractor.

16 (5) Watercraft trailer dealer.--Any person regularly  
17 engaged in the business of selling watercraft and trailers  
18 used exclusively for the transport of the watercraft.

19 (6) Automotive detailing and cosmetic grooming.--Any  
20 person regularly engaged in the business of automotive  
21 detailing and cosmetic grooming.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.