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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for weight restriction relating  
3 to special registration plates and for use and display of  
4 illuminated signs.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 1342(a), (c) and (d), 1346, 1348, 1350,  
8 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354(a), 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359(a) and  
9 1360 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
10 amended to read:

11 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

12 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of  
13 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at  
14 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the  
15 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration  
16 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated  
17 in section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and  
18 placard), the department shall issue a special registration

1 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely  
2 disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white  
3 background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department  
4 may determine, shall have the words, "disabled veteran," in at  
5 least ten-point bold type, inscribed in red at the bottom of the  
6 plate, and shall include the international symbol for access for  
7 persons with disabilities. Only one special registration plate  
8 shall be issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used  
9 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight  
10 of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. In the case of a  
11 motorcycle, the department shall issue a decal containing the  
12 international symbol for access for persons with disabilities  
13 and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the registration  
14 plate.

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16 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any  
17 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the  
18 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States  
19 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department  
20 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle  
21 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall  
22 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the  
23 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled  
24 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom  
25 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be  
26 issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used only on a  
27 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
28 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

29 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-  
30 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the

1 armed forces of the United States is certified by the  
2 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall  
3 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as  
4 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall  
5 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as  
6 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner  
7 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom  
8 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be  
9 issued to an ex-prisoner of war under this subsection. The  
10 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car  
11 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
12 10,000 pounds.

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14 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

15 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the  
16 Purple Heart, the department shall issue to such person a  
17 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed  
18 as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart.  
19 A severely disabled veteran, as described in section 1342(a)  
20 (relating to veteran plates and placard), who is qualified to  
21 receive a plate under this section may also elect to receive a  
22 placard under section 1342(b). The special registration plate  
23 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered  
24 gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

25 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

26 Upon application of any person who is a survivor of Pearl  
27 Harbor, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition  
28 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
29 department shall require, the department shall issue to such  
30 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so

1 licensed as belonging to a person who is a survivor of Pearl  
2 Harbor. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
3 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
4 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

5 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

6 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean  
7 War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in addition to  
8 the annual registration fee, and by such documentation as the  
9 department shall require, the department shall issue to the  
10 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so  
11 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the Korean  
12 War. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
13 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
14 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

15 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

16 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the  
17 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in  
18 addition to the annual registration fee, and by such  
19 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
20 shall issue to the person a special registration plate  
21 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who  
22 is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special registration  
23 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a  
24 registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

25 § 1352. Wild resource conservation plate.

26 The department, in consultation with the Wild Resource  
27 Conservation Board, shall design a special wild resource  
28 conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person,  
29 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the  
30 annual registration fee, the department shall issue the plate

1 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a  
2 registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.  
3 The Wild Resource Conservation Fund shall receive \$15 of each  
4 additional fee for this plate.

5 § 1353. Preserve our heritage registration plate.

6 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
7 Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a special  
8 preserve our heritage registration plate. Upon receipt of an  
9 application, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in  
10 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall  
11 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or  
12 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
13 10,000 pounds. The Historical Preservation Fund shall receive  
14 \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

15 § 1354. Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate.

16 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the  
17 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a  
18 Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate. Upon  
19 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which  
20 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the  
21 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor  
22 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
23 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

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25 § 1355. Zoological plate.

26 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
27 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological  
28 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied  
29 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual  
30 registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a

1 passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a registered  
2 gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. The  
3 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by  
4 the applicant for the plate.

5 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces  
6 Medal.

7 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the  
8 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which  
9 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such  
10 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
11 shall issue to such person a special registration plate  
12 designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a person  
13 who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The  
14 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car  
15 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
16 10,000 pounds.

17 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

18 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War  
19 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to  
20 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
21 department shall require, the department shall issue to such  
22 person a special registration plate carrying the symbol of a  
23 ruptured duck designating the vehicle so registered as belonging  
24 to a person who is a veteran of World War II. The special  
25 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck  
26 with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000  
27 pounds.

28 § 1358. DARE plate.

29 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
30 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall design a special drug

1 abuse resistance education (DARE) registration plate which  
2 utilizes the DARE logo or slogan in the design. Upon application  
3 of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in  
4 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall  
5 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or  
6 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
7 10,000 pounds. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program shall  
8 receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

9 § 1359. Special plates for steelworkers.

10 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a  
11 steelworker, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in  
12 addition to the annual registration fee and by such  
13 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
14 shall issue to such person a special registration plate  
15 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who  
16 is a steelworker. The special registration plate may be used  
17 only on a passenger car or a truck with a registered gross  
18 weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. The plate shall  
19 bear the likeness of the official emblem of the American Iron  
20 and Steel Institute.

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22 § 1360. Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict.

23 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the  
24 Vietnam Conflict as that term is defined for the awarding of the  
25 Vietnam Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 in addition  
26 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
27 department shall require, the department shall issue to the  
28 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so  
29 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the  
30 Vietnam Conflict. The special registration plate may be used

1 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight  
2 of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

3 Section 2. Section 4307 of Title 75 is amended by adding  
4 subsections to read:

5 § 4307. Use and display of illuminated signs.

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7 (f) Food delivery vehicle.--A food delivery vehicle may  
8 display an illuminated sign which shall be of a department-  
9 approved size and type designed not to interfere with or unduly  
10 distract the drivers of other vehicles on the highway. The  
11 department shall promulgate regulations setting forth the size,  
12 type and placement of signs approved for use under this  
13 subsection.

14 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "food  
15 delivery vehicle" means a vehicle engaged in the transportation  
16 or conveyance of food products or items from their place of  
17 origin or production to a place of delivery, which vehicle may  
18 make intermittent stops that are customary in the routine  
19 conduct of the business for which the transportation occurs.

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