

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 4, 2007

## AN ACT

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

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

8 Section 1. Sections 1302(14), 1342(a), (c) and (d), 1346, <—  
9 1348, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354(a), 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358,  
10 1359(a) and ~~1360~~, 1360, 1362, 1363 AND 1364 of Title 75 of the <—  
11 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

12 § 1302. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION. <—

13 THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION:

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15 (14) ANY VEHICLE USED FOR GOLF COURSE [OR], RESORT OR  
16 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAINTENANCE OR AT A  
17 MANUFACTURING FACILITY WHEN SUCH VEHICLE DOES NOT TRAVEL ON  
18 PUBLIC ROADS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILE AND THE PROPERTY ON BOTH

1 SIDES OF THE PUBLIC ROAD IS OWNED BY SAID GOLF COURSE [OR],  
2 RESORT, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING OR MANUFACTURING  
3 FACILITY.

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5 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

6 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of  
7 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at  
8 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the  
9 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration  
10 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated  
11 in section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and  
12 placard), the department shall issue a special registration  
13 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely  
14 disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white  
15 background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department  
16 may determine, shall have the words, "disabled veteran," in at  
17 least ten-point bold type, inscribed in red at the bottom of the  
18 plate, and shall include the international symbol for access for  
19 persons with disabilities. Only one special registration plate  
20 shall be issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used  
21 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight  
22 of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. In the case of a  
23 motorcycle, the department shall issue a decal containing the  
24 international symbol for access for persons with disabilities  
25 and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the registration  
26 plate.

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28 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any  
29 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the  
30 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States

1 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department  
2 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle  
3 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall  
4 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the  
5 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled  
6 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom  
7 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be  
8 issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used only on a  
9 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
10 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

11 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-  
12 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the  
13 armed forces of the United States is certified by the  
14 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall  
15 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as  
16 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall  
17 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as  
18 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner  
19 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom  
20 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be  
21 issued to an ex-prisoner of war under this subsection. The  
22 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car  
23 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
24 10,000 pounds.

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26 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

27 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the  
28 Purple Heart, the department shall issue to such person a  
29 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed  
30 as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart.

1 A severely disabled veteran, as described in section 1342(a)  
2 (relating to veteran plates and placard), who is qualified to  
3 receive a plate under this section may also elect to receive a  
4 placard under section 1342(b). The special registration plate  
5 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered  
6 gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

7 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

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

17 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

18 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean  
19 War, 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 the  
22 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so  
23 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the Korean  
24 War. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
25 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
26 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

27 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

28 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the  
29 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in  
30 addition to the annual registration fee, and by such

1 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
2 shall issue to the person a special registration plate  
3 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who  
4 is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special registration  
5 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a  
6 registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.  
7 § 1352. Wild resource conservation plate.

8 The department, in consultation with the Wild Resource  
9 Conservation Board, shall design a special wild resource  
10 conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person,  
11 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the  
12 annual registration fee, the department shall issue the plate  
13 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a  
14 registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.  
15 The Wild Resource Conservation Fund shall receive \$15 of each  
16 additional fee for this plate.

17 § 1353. Preserve our heritage registration plate.

18 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
19 Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a special  
20 preserve our heritage registration plate. Upon receipt of an  
21 application, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in  
22 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall  
23 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or  
24 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
25 10,000 pounds. The Historical Preservation Fund shall receive  
26 \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

27 § 1354. Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate.

28 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the  
29 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a  
30 Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate. Upon

1 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which  
2 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the  
3 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor  
4 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
5 more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

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7 § 1355. Zoological plate.

8 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
9 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological  
10 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied  
11 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual  
12 registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a  
13 passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a registered  
14 gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. The  
15 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by  
16 the applicant for the plate.

17 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces  
18 Medal.

19 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the  
20 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which  
21 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such  
22 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
23 shall issue to such person a special registration plate  
24 designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a person  
25 who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The  
26 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car  
27 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
28 10,000 pounds.

29 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

30 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War

1 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to  
2 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the  
3 department shall require, the department shall issue to such  
4 person a special registration plate carrying the symbol of a  
5 ruptured duck designating the vehicle so registered as belonging  
6 to a person who is a veteran of World War II. The special  
7 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck  
8 with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000  
9 pounds.

10 § 1358. DARE plate.

11 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania  
12 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall design a special drug  
13 abuse resistance education (DARE) registration plate which  
14 utilizes the DARE logo or slogan in the design. Upon application  
15 of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in  
16 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall  
17 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or  
18 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [9,000]  
19 10,000 pounds. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program shall  
20 receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

21 § 1359. Special plates for steelworkers.

22 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a  
23 steelworker, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in  
24 addition to the annual registration fee and by such  
25 documentation as the department shall require, the department  
26 shall issue to such person a special registration plate  
27 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who  
28 is a steelworker. The special registration plate may be used  
29 only on a passenger car or a truck with a registered gross  
30 weight of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds. The plate shall

1 bear the likeness of the official emblem of the American Iron  
2 and Steel Institute.

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4 § 1360. Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict.

5 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the  
6 Vietnam Conflict as that term is defined for the awarding of the  
7 Vietnam Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 in addition  
8 to 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  
12 Vietnam Conflict. The special registration plate may be used  
13 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight  
14 of not more than [9,000] 10,000 pounds.

15 § 1362. OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS PLATE.

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16 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A VETERAN OF THE  
17 LIBERATION OR OCCUPATION OF IRAQ, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20  
18 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE AND BY  
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 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. THE SPECIAL  
23 REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK  
24 WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 10,000 POUNDS.

25 § 1363. OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM VETERANS PLATE.

26 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A VETERAN OF THE  
27 LIBERATION OR OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF  
28 \$20 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE  
29 AND BY DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE  
30 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION



1 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A  
2 PERSON WHO IS A VETERAN OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. THE  
3 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR  
4 OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 10,000  
5 POUNDS.

6 § 1364. SPECIAL PLATES FOR VETERANS.

7 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED  
8 VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR A RESERVE  
9 COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES AS DEFINED IN 51 PA.C.S. § 7301  
10 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS), ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH  
11 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH  
12 DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE  
14 DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A  
15 VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE SPECIAL  
16 REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK  
17 WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 10,000 POUNDS.

18 Section 2. Section 4307 of Title 75 is amended by adding  
19 subsections to read:

20 § 4307. Use and display of illuminated signs.

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22 (f) Food delivery vehicle.--A food delivery vehicle may  
23 display an illuminated sign which shall be of a department-  
24 approved size and type designed not to interfere with or unduly  
25 distract the drivers of other vehicles on the highway. The  
26 department shall promulgate regulations setting forth the size,  
27 type and placement of signs approved for use under this  
28 subsection.

29 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "food  
30 delivery vehicle" means a vehicle engaged in the transportation

1 or conveyance of food products or items from their place of  
2 origin or production to a place of delivery, which vehicle may  
3 make intermittent stops that are customary in the routine  
4 conduct of the business for which the transportation occurs.

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