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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 2698** Session of  
2008

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INTRODUCED BY J. EVANS, GEIST, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, EVERETT,  
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VULAKOVICH, JULY 2, 2008

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 2, 2008

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for special registration plates  
3 generally.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1341 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended December 18, 2007 (P.L.436,  
8 No.67), is amended to read:

9 § 1341. Special registration plates generally.

10 Upon request by the applicant, the department may issue  
11 registration plates consisting of any combination of numbers,  
12 letters or numbers and letters. These special plates may be  
13 issued for special groups or for special purposes and bear an  
14 appropriate designation. Special groups may charge a fee for  
15 authorization to request a registration plate bearing the name  
16 of the group. They shall have the same force and effect as  
17 regular registration plates. The department may refuse any

1 combination of letters and numbers for cause and shall adopt  
2 reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance of the plates  
3 and for carrying out the provisions of this section. The  
4 applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining  
5 to registration including the payment of any additional fees.  
6 The department is authorized to reissue a combination of numbers  
7 or letters for a personal plate if the department records reveal  
8 that no activity, such as renewal or transfer of the personal  
9 registration plate, has occurred for a period of five or more  
10 consecutive years and provided that the personal registration  
11 plate was never reported as lost or stolen. Whenever the  
12 department reissues an inactive personal plate, the department  
13 may purge its records of all references to the previous owners  
14 of that personal plate. The department shall, however, note upon  
15 its records the reissuance of the personal plate and to whom the  
16 plate was issued. The special registration plate may be used  
17 only on a passenger car, motorcycle, motor home or truck with a  
18 registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds. If the  
19 vehicle is licensed to a business that is not a member of the  
20 special group, the department shall issue the plate as long as  
21 the business owner or officer making application is a member of  
22 that group.

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