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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY J. EVANS, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, HARKINS, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANN, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PYLE, READSHAW, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY AND VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 4, 2009

AN ACT

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

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

Section 1. Section 1341 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 1341. Special registration plates generally.

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

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

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