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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 2 Statutes, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR VETERAN PLATES AND PLACARD; AND providing for issuance of "In God We Trust" registration 3 plates. 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 7 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: 9 SECTION 1. SECTION 1342(A), (C) AND (D) OF TITLE 75 OF THE 10 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ: 11 § 1342. VETERAN PLATES AND PLACARD. 12 SEVERELY DISABLED VETERAN PLATE. -- ON THE APPLICATION OF (A) A VETERAN WHOSE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY IS CERTIFIED AT 13 100% BY THE SERVICE UNIT OF THE ARMED FORCES IN WHICH THE 14 15 VETERAN SERVED OR BY THE UNITED STATES VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

OR WHO HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY OF THE TYPE ENUMERATED

- 1 IN SECTION 1338 (RELATING TO PERSON WITH DISABILITY PLATE AND
- 2 PLACARD), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
- 3 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A SEVERELY
- 4 DISABLED VETERAN. THE REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL HAVE A WHITE
- 5 BACKGROUND, SHALL HAVE BLUE NUMBERS OR LETTERS AS THE DEPARTMENT
- 6 MAY DETERMINE, SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "DISABLED VETERAN" IN AT
- 7 LEAST TEN-POINT BOLD TYPE INSCRIBED IN RED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
- 8 PLATE AND SHALL INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL FOR ACCESS FOR
- 9 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. [ONLY ONE] A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
- 10 PLATE [SHALL BE] ISSUED TO A VETERAN UNDER THIS SECTION[. IT]
- 11 MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED
- 12 GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 10,000 POUNDS. IN THE CASE OF A
- 13 MOTORCYCLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A DECAL CONTAINING THE
- 14 INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL FOR ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- 15 AND THE WORDS "DISABLED VETERAN" FOR DISPLAY ON THE REGISTRATION
- 16 PLATE.
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- 18 (C) DISABLED VETERAN PLATES. -- ON THE APPLICATION OF ANY
- 19 VETERAN HAVING A DISABILITY CERTIFIED BY THE SERVICE UNIT OF THE
- 20 ARMED FORCES IN WHICH THE VETERAN SERVED OR BY THE UNITED STATES
- 21 VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION AS SERVICE-CONNECTED, THE DEPARTMENT
- 22 SHALL ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE
- 23 AS BELONGING TO A DISABLED VETERAN. THE REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL
- 24 HAVE A WHITE BACKGROUND, SHALL HAVE NUMBERS OR LETTERS AS THE
- 25 DEPARTMENT MAY DETERMINE AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "DISABLED
- 26 VETERAN" IN AT LEAST TEN-POINT BOLD TYPE INSCRIBED AT THE BOTTOM
- 27 OF THE PLATE. [ONLY ONE] A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE [SHALL BE]
- 28 ISSUED TO A VETERAN UNDER THIS SECTION[. IT] MAY BE USED ONLY ON
- 29 A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT
- 30 MORE THAN 10,000 POUNDS.

- 1 (D) PRISONER OF WAR PLATE. -- ON THE APPLICATION OF AN EX-
- 2 PRISONER OF WAR WHOSE IMPRISONMENT WHILE IN THE SERVICE OF THE
- 3 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES IS CERTIFIED BY THE
- 4 APPROPRIATE BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
- 5 ISSUE A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS
- 6 BELONGING TO AN EX-PRISONER OF WAR. THE REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL
- 7 CONTAIN THE LETTERS "POW" AND SUCH OTHER NUMBERS OR LETTERS AS
- 8 THE DEPARTMENT MAY DETERMINE AND SHALL HAVE THE WORDS "PRISONER
- 9 OF WAR" IN AT LEAST TEN-POINT BOLD TYPE INSCRIBED AT THE BOTTOM
- 10 OF THE PLATE. [ONLY ONE] A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE [SHALL BE]
- 11 ISSUED TO AN EX-PRISONER OF WAR UNDER THIS SUBSECTION[. THE
- 12 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR
- 13 OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 10,000
- 14 POUNDS.
- 15 * * *
- 16 SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
- 17 § 1366. Special "In God We Trust" plates.
- 18 <u>Upon application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$20</u>
- 19 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the
- 20 department shall issue to the person a special "In God We Trust"
- 21 registration plate. The special registration plate may be used
- 22 <u>only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight</u>
- 23 of not more than 14,000 pounds.
- 24 Section $\frac{2}{3}$. This act shall take effect in 120 days.