

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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J. TAYLOR, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for surrender of registration  
3 plates and cards upon suspension or revocation, for  
4 suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid parking  
5 violation in cities of the first class and for reinstatement  
6 of operating privilege or vehicle registration.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 1376(b.1), 1379 and 1960 of Title 75 of  
10 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 1376. Surrender of registration plates and cards upon  
12 suspension or revocation.

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14 (b.1) Immediate seizure of registration plates and cards.--  
15 The department may delegate authority to the persons described  
16 in this section to immediately seize registration plates and  
17 cards upon imposition of the following:

18 (1) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1374(d)(3)  
19 or (4) (relating to suspension or revocation of vehicle

business registration plates) until all fees, taxes and penalties have been paid;

(2) a suspension or revocation imposed pursuant to section 1373(b)(3) (relating to suspension of registration) or 1374(g);

(3) a suspension or revocation is reinstated after determination of a matter as provided in section 1377 (relating to judicial review); or

(4) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1379 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid parking violation [in cities of the first class]) until all fines, penalties and costs have been paid.

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§ 1379. Suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid parking violation [in cities of the first class].

(a) Suspension of registration.--The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle upon the notification from the parking authority or municipality that the owner or registrant of the vehicle has failed to respond, failed to pay or defaulted in the payment of six or more tickets or citations issued for parking violations [in cities of the first class].

(b) Notice to the department.--No sooner than 30 days after mailing the notice provided under subsection (b.1), the parking authority or municipality shall notify the department electronically in a format prescribed by the department whenever an owner or registrant fails to respond, fails to pay or defaults in payment of six or more tickets or citations issued for parking violations. When a notice has been provided under this subsection and all of the tickets and citations are subsequently paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled,

1 the parking authority or municipality shall notify the  
2 department electronically in a format prescribed by the  
3 department of the disposition of the tickets and shall provide  
4 the owner or registrant with a release from the suspension.

5 (b.1) Notice by the parking authority or municipality.--  
6 Prior to notifying the department under subsection (b), the  
7 parking authority or municipality shall provide the owner or  
8 registrant written notice by first class mail of its intent to  
9 seek suspension of the vehicle registration pursuant to this  
10 section.

11 (c) Period of suspension.--A suspension under subsection (a)  
12 shall continue until the department receives notice from the  
13 parking authority or municipality that all of the tickets and  
14 citations are paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled or  
15 the defendant enters into an agreement to make installment  
16 payments for the fines and penalties imposed, provided that the  
17 suspension may be reimposed by the department if the defendant  
18 fails to make regular installment payments and pays the fee  
19 prescribed in section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of  
20 operating privilege or vehicle registration).

21 (d) Additional suspension.--The department shall impose an  
22 additional period of registration suspension if, subsequent to  
23 the issuance of a suspension under subsection (a) but prior to  
24 the restoration of the registration, the department is notified  
25 by the parking authority or municipality that the owner or  
26 registrant has failed to respond, failed to pay or defaulted in  
27 the payment of an additional ticket or citation issued for a  
28 parking violation.

29 (e) Three-year limitation.--No suspension may be imposed  
30 based upon a parking violation more than three years after the

1 commission of the violation.

2 (f) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "parking  
3 authority" means a parking authority in a city of the first  
4 class known as the Philadelphia Parking Authority and a parking  
5 authority in a city of the second class known as the Pittsburgh  
6 Parking Authority.

7 § 1960. Reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle  
8 registration.

9 The department shall charge a fee of \$25 or, if section 1379  
10 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid  
11 parking violation [in cities of the first class]) or 1786(d)  
12 (relating to required financial responsibility) applies, a fee  
13 of \$50 to restore a person's operating privilege or the  
14 registration of a vehicle following a suspension or revocation.

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