
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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FOLMER, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER AND BRUBAKER, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 veteran plates and placard.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1342(a), (c) and (d) of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

9 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of
10 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at
11 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the
12 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration
13 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated
14 in section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and
15 placard), the department shall issue a special registration
16 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely
17 disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white
18 background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department

1 may determine, shall have the words "disabled veteran" in at
2 least ten-point bold type inscribed in red at the bottom of the
3 plate and shall include the international symbol for access for
4 persons with disabilities. [Only one] A special registration
5 plate [shall be] issued to a veteran under this section[. It]
6 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered
7 gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds. In the case of a
8 motorcycle, the department shall issue a decal containing the
9 international symbol for access for persons with disabilities
10 and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the registration
11 plate.

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13 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any
14 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the
15 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States
16 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department
17 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle
18 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall
19 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the
20 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled
21 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
22 of the plate. [Only one] A special registration plate [shall be]
23 issued to a veteran under this section[. It] may be used only on
24 a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
25 more than 10,000 pounds.

26 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-
27 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the
28 armed forces of the United States is certified by the
29 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall
30 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as

1 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall
2 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as
3 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner
4 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
5 of the plate. [Only one] A special registration plate [shall be]
6 issued to an ex-prisoner of war under this subsection[. The
7 special registration plate] may be used only on a passenger car
8 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000
9 pounds.

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