

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1187 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, MENSCH, ERICKSON, COSTA, STACK, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, GREENLEAF, BAKER, KASUNIC, DINNIMAN, BRUBAKER, TARTAGLIONE, SCARNATI, SOLOBAY AND BROWNE, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JANUARY 27, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for
3 PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING HERITAGE PLATES AND FOR special plates <--
4 for recipients of Combat Infantry Badge; FURTHER PROVIDING <--
5 FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE SERVICE OF THE
6 UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE; AND, IN FEES, FURTHER
7 PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS TO SPECIAL FUNDS.

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

10 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

12 § 1355.1. PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING HERITAGE PLATE. <--

13 THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME
14 COMMISSION, SHALL DESIGN A HUNTING HERITAGE PLATE. UPON
15 APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$35 WHICH
16 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE, THE
17 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE PLATE FOR A PASSENGER CAR, MOTOR
18 HOME, TRAILER OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT
19 MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS. FIFTEEN DOLLARS OF THE FEE SHALL BE

1 DEPOSITED INTO THE PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING HERITAGE FUND AND
2 EXPENDED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 1905(D) (RELATING TO PAYMENTS TO
3 SPECIAL FUNDS).

4 SECTION 2. SECTION 1357.1 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ:
5 § 1357.1. SPECIAL PLATES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE SERVICE OF THE
6 UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE.

7 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO WAS IN THE SERVICE OF THE
8 UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE DURING WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN
9 WAR, THE VIETNAM CONFLICT OR ANY OF THE GULF WARS, INCLUDING
10 OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION
11 DESERT SHIELD, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH SHALL BE IN
12 ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH
13 DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
15 DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO
16 WAS IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE DURING
17 WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, THE VIETNAM CONFLICT OR ANY OF THE
18 GULF WARS, INCLUDING OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI
19 FREEDOM AND OPERATION DESERT SHIELD. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION
20 PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A
21 REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

22 SECTION 3. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
23 § 1369.1. Special plates for recipients of Combat Infantry
24 Badge.

25 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
26 Combat Infantry Badge, accompanied by a fee of ~~\$10~~ \$20 which <--
27 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
28 documentation as the department shall require, the department
29 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
30 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who

1 is a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge. The special
2 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
3 with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

4 SECTION 4. SECTION 1905 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A <--
5 SUBSECTION TO READ:

6 § 1905. PAYMENTS TO SPECIAL FUNDS.

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8 (D) PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING HERITAGE FUND.--FIFTEEN DOLLARS OF
9 EACH FEE RECEIVED UNDER SECTION 1355.1 (RELATING TO PENNSYLVANIA
10 HUNTING HERITAGE PLATE) SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA
11 HUNTING HERITAGE FUND, ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

12 (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE
13 STATE TREASURY WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA
14 HUNTING HERITAGE FUND. THE PURPOSE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
15 HUNTING HERITAGE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATIONS AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE
17 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 (PUBLIC LAW 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §
18 501(C)(3)) THAT COORDINATE THE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF
19 DONATED WILD GAME FROM HUNTERS AND MUNICIPAL HERD REDUCTION
20 SOURCES TO PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS THROUGH A DISTRIBUTION
21 NETWORK OF FOOD BANKS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH, PROVIDED THAT 50%
22 OF THE MONEY IN THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO
23 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,
24 2014, TO CONSERVE ALL BIRDS AND MAMMALS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH
25 AND THE ECOSYSTEMS IN WHICH THEY LIVE.

26 (2) ALL MONEYS IN THE PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING HERITAGE FUND
27 ARE HEREBY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME
28 COMMISSION AND MAY BE EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED
29 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

30 (3) ESTIMATES OF AMOUNTS TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THIS

1 SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE
2 PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION FOR HIS APPROVAL.

3 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL NOT HONOR ANY REQUISITION
4 FOR EXPENDITURES BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION IN
5 EXCESS OF ESTIMATES APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR OR IN EXCESS OF
6 THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE
7 REQUISITION WAS MADE, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER AMOUNT.

8 Section ~~2~~ 5. This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 120 days.

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