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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1670 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY HANNA, JULY 21, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for registration of horse-drawn vehicles  
3 and establishing the Horse-Drawn Vehicle Fund.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 36

9 HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

10 Sec.

11 3601. Definitions.

12 3602. Plates required.

13 3603. Funds.

14 3604. Penalties.

15 § 3601. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Field wagon." A wagon used primarily for field work which

1 does not typically convey people or property.

2 "Horse-drawn vehicle." A buggy, trailer or other conveyance  
3 on wheels which is towed behind a horse-drawn vehicle or  
4 nonmotorized vehicle and is used for the purpose of transporting  
5 people or property. The term does not include a field wagon.

6 § 3602. Plates required.

7 (a) Registration required.--Each horse-drawn vehicle  
8 traveling on a public roadway in this Commonwealth must have a  
9 registration plate issued under this chapter.

10 (b) Fees and duration.--Registration plates shall be valid  
11 for one year. The annual registration fee for a horse-drawn  
12 vehicle is \$36.

13 (c) Plates.--An application for the registration of horse-  
14 drawn vehicles shall be made in accordance with section 1305  
15 (relating to application for registration).

16 (1) Registration plates shall be metallic, consecutively  
17 numbered and shall prominently display the following:

18 (i) The county in which the individual applying for  
19 the plate resides.

20 (ii) The individual's last name.

21 (iii) The month and year of the date the plate was  
22 issued.

23 (2) The department shall issue a receipt for each  
24 numbered metallic tag purchased.

25 (d) Transfer.--Registration plates may only be transferred  
26 between horse-drawn vehicles owned by the same individual.

27 (e) Display.--The owner of the horse-drawn vehicle shall  
28 permanently affix the numbered tag to the rear of the horse-  
29 drawn vehicle.

30 § 3603. Funds.

1 (a) Establishment of fund.--A special fund is established  
2 within the State Treasury to be known as the Horse-Drawn Vehicle  
3 Fund. Money in the fund is appropriated to the department for  
4 the purposes set forth in this section.

5 (b) Collection.--The department shall collect fees imposed  
6 under this chapter at the time a horse-drawn vehicle is  
7 registered and shall deposit the money in the Horse-Drawn  
8 Vehicle Fund.

9 (c) Distribution.--Money paid into the Horse-Drawn Vehicle  
10 Fund shall be distributed by the department to each  
11 participating county in accordance with the amounts collected  
12 from the county. Funds payable to a county under this subsection  
13 shall be used by the county in accordance with subsection (d).

14 (d) Use of funds.--The plate fee shall be used for the  
15 purpose of road improvements, repairs or replacements due to  
16 damage on the roadways from the wear and tear from the steel  
17 wheels used on horse-drawn buggies.

18 § 3604. Penalties.

19 A person who violates a provision of this chapter commits a  
20 summary offense. Upon conviction of a first offense, a person  
21 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. Upon conviction for a  
22 second or subsequent offense, a person shall be sentenced to pay  
23 a fine not to exceed \$200.

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