
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 558 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YAW, BOSCOLA AND BROWNE,
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 department records for vehicle registration.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1316 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1316. Department records.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall maintain suitable
10 records in a manner permitting identification of vehicles and
11 owners, including:

12 (1) All registrations and transfers of registrations
13 issued.

14 (2) All registrations and transfers of registrations
15 denied and reasons for denial. Registrations and transfers
16 returned for correction of errors or omissions need not be
17 recorded.

18 (b) Confidential registration.--

1 (1) Subject to paragraph (3), a confidential
2 registration of a vehicle as to which the records of the
3 department are available only as prescribed by this section
4 may be issued to:

5 (i) A governmental law enforcement agency for a
6 vehicle used to any extent for undercover or surveillance
7 purposes.

8 (ii) Commonwealth departments and other agencies for
9 vehicles assigned to department secretaries and deputy
10 secretaries and heads of other agencies.

11 (iii) A judge or magisterial district judge.

12 (iv) A district attorney.

13 (2) Application for a confidential registration shall be
14 made on a form furnished by the department.

15 (3) Information concerning the identity of the
16 registrant of a confidential registration shall be provided
17 only upon written request of the registrant or a law
18 enforcement agency.

19 (4) Upon receipt of a request for information concerning
20 a confidential registration from a person or entity other
21 than the registrant or a law enforcement agency, the
22 department shall inform the requester that the identity of
23 the registrant is confidential and shall notify the
24 registrant of the identity of the requester.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.