
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 surrender of registration plates and cards upon suspension or
4 revocation and providing for suspension of registration for
5 failure to respond to citation; and, in fees, further
6 providing for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle
7 registration.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1376(b.1) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
11 Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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15 (b.1) Immediate seizure of registration plates and cards.--

16 The department may delegate authority to the persons described
17 in this section to immediately seize registration plates and
18 cards upon imposition of the following:

19 (1) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1374(d)(3)
20 or (4) (relating to suspension or revocation of vehicle
21 business registration plates) until all fees, taxes and

1 penalties have been paid;

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

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

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

12 (5) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1380
13 (relating to suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls)
14 until all tolls, administrative fees and costs have been
15 paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled or if the
16 owner or registrant enters into an agreement with the tolling
17 entity to make installment payments[.]; or

18 (6) a suspension imposed pursuant to section 1381
19 (relating to suspension of registration for failure to
20 respond to citation).

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22 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:
23 § 1381. Suspension of registration for failure to respond to
24 citation.

25 (a) Suspension of registration.--The department shall
26 suspend the registration of a vehicle upon the notification from
27 an issuing authority or a court that the owner or registrant of
28 the vehicle has failed to respond to a citation or summons to
29 appear before an issuing authority or a court of competent
30 jurisdiction of this Commonwealth for any violation of this

1 title, other than parking, or who has failed to pay or defaulted
2 in the payment of any fine, costs or restitution imposed by an
3 issuing authority or the courts for violation of this title.

4 (b) Notice.--At least 15 days before an issuing authority or
5 a court notifies the department to impose a suspension under
6 subsection (a), the issuing authority or court shall provide the
7 owner or registrant written notice of the requirement to respond
8 to the citation and pay all fines, restitution and penalties
9 imposed by the issuing authority or court.

10 (c) Period of suspension.--A suspension under subsection (a)
11 shall continue until the department receives notice from the
12 issuing authority or court that the owner or registrant
13 responded to the citation and paid all fines, restitution and
14 penalties imposed or entered into an agreement with the issuing
15 authority or court to make installment payments for the fines,
16 restitution and penalties imposed. The suspension may be
17 reimposed by the department if the defendant fails to make
18 regular installment payments and, if applicable, fails to pay
19 the fee prescribed in section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of
20 operating privilege or vehicle registration).

21 (d) Violations outside Commonwealth.--

22 (1) The department shall suspend the registration of a
23 vehicle of any owner or registrant who has failed to respond
24 to a citation to appear before a court of competent
25 jurisdiction of the United States or any state that has
26 entered into an enforcement agreement with the department, as
27 authorized under section 6146 (relating to enforcement
28 agreements), for any violation of the motor vehicle laws of
29 such state, other than parking, or who has failed to pay any
30 fine or costs imposed by such court upon being duly notified

1 in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the
2 violation occurred.

3 (2) An owner or registrant who provides proof
4 satisfactory to the department that the full amount of the
5 fine and costs has been forwarded to and received by the
6 other state may not be regarded as having failed to pay for
7 the purposes of this subsection.

8 (e) Admissibility of documents.--A copy of a document issued
9 by an issuing authority or a court of this Commonwealth or by an
10 official of another state shall be admissible for the purpose of
11 proving a violation of this section.

12 Section 3. Section 1960 of Title 75 is amended to read:

13 § 1960. Reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle
14 registration.

15 The department shall charge a fee of \$70 or, if section 1379
16 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid
17 parking violation in cities of the first class), 1380 (relating
18 to suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls), ~~1381 (relating~~
19 ~~to suspension of registration for failure to respond to~~
20 ~~citation)~~ or 1786(d) (relating to required financial
21 responsibility) applies, a fee of \$88 to restore a person's
22 operating privilege or the registration of a vehicle following a
23 suspension or revocation.

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 180 days.