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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 return of registration plate, for person with disability
4 plate and placard and for special plates for recipients of
5 Purple Heart; and, in rules of the road in general, further
6 providing for additional parking regulations.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 1334(a)(4), 1338(c)(1), (2) and (3),
10 (c.1) and (c.2), 1346 and 3354(h) of Title 75 of the
11 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

12 § 1334. Return of registration plate.

13 (a) General rule.--Registration plates shall be returned to
14 the department under the following circumstances:

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16 (4) A person with a disability registration plate or a
17 special registration plate under section 1346(b) (relating to
18 special plates for recipients of Purple Heart) shall be

1 returned if the person to whom it was issued no longer
2 qualifies under section 1338 (relating to person with
3 disability plate and placard).

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5 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.

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7 (c) Health care provider's statement.--

8 (1) Any person applying for a special plate or parking
9 placard for persons with disabilities, including a special
10 registration plate under section 1346(b) (relating to special
11 plates for recipients of Purple Heart), must present a
12 statement, certified by a physician, podiatrist,
13 chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant or certified
14 registered nurse practitioner licensed or certified to
15 practice in this Commonwealth or in a contiguous state, that
16 the person with a disability is disabled as provided in
17 subsection (a).

18 (2) Any person applying for a renewal of registration of
19 a special plate for persons with disabilities, including a
20 special registration plate under section 1346(b), must comply
21 with this subsection. Once a person with a disability has
22 been duly certified by a physician, podiatrist, chiropractor,
23 optometrist, physician assistant or certified registered
24 nurse practitioner as being disabled, as provided in
25 subsection (a), the applicant need not submit a certification
26 for subsequent renewals of registration for a special plate
27 for persons with disabilities. A person who was issued a
28 person with disability plate under this section and no longer
29 qualifies for one shall not be charged a replacement fee for
30 a regular registration plate upon payment of the regular

1 registration fee.

2 (3) In lieu of a health care provider's statement, a
3 person applying for a special plate [or], parking placard or
4 special registration plate under section 1346(b) may present
5 a statement from a police officer certifying that the person
6 does not have full use of a leg, or both legs, or is blind.

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8 (c.1) Return of plates and placard.--Upon the death of a
9 person to whom a plate or placard has been issued under this
10 section or section 1346(b), the plate or placard shall be void
11 30 days after death and shall not be displayed on any vehicle.
12 The personal representative of the deceased shall return the
13 plate to the department. If there is no personal representative,
14 the spouse or, if there is no spouse, the next of kin of the
15 deceased shall return the plate or placard to the department.

16 (c.2) Authorized use.--This section shall not preclude the
17 operation of a vehicle which bears a person with disability
18 plate or a special registration plate under section 1346(b) when
19 the vehicle is not being used for the benefit of the person with
20 a disability or when the person with a disability is not present
21 in the vehicle, provided the driver does not use or attempt to
22 use any special privilege or benefit otherwise accorded to
23 vehicles displaying the plate.

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25 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

26 (a) Purple Heart plates.--Upon application of any person who
27 is a recipient of the Purple Heart, the department shall issue
28 to such person a special registration plate designating the
29 vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who is a recipient
30 of the Purple Heart. A severely disabled veteran, as described

1 in section 1342(a) (relating to veteran plates and placard), who
2 is qualified to receive a plate under this section may also
3 elect to receive a placard under section 1342(b). The special
4 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car,
5 motorcycle or truck with a registered gross weight of not more
6 than 14,000 pounds.

7 (b) Disability designation.--A person who applies for a
8 special registration plate under subsection (a) and qualifies
9 for a special registration plate under section 1338(a) (relating
10 to person with disability plate and placard) shall be eligible
11 to receive a special registration plate under subsection (a)
12 that includes a designation indicating the vehicle is being used
13 by a person with a disability.

14 § 3354. Additional parking regulations.

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16 (h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
17 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
18 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Access aisle." A physical area marked in accordance with
20 departmental regulations:

21 (1) designated by white or blue pavement marking hash
22 marks, cross-hatching or other similar visual no-parking
23 indicators;

24 (2) which provides additional space for a person using a
25 wheelchair, wheelchair lift or other mobility device; and

26 (3) which is located adjacent to a parking space
27 reserved for a person with a disability.

28 "Person with a disability." A person issued a plate or
29 placard.

30 "Plate or placard." A plate or placard issued under:

1 (1) Section 1338 (relating to person with disability
2 plate and placard).

3 (2) Section 1342(a) or (b) (relating to veteran plates
4 and placard).

5 (3) Section 1346(b) (relating to special plates for
6 recipients of Purple Heart).

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