

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Blue
3 Star Family plate.

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 section to read:

8 § 1366.2. Blue Star Family plate.

9 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a
10 person who is an active duty service member in the military,
11 accompanied by a fee of \$20 \$23 which shall be in addition to <--
12 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
13 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
14 family member a special registration plate designating the
15 vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family member of a person
16 serving on active duty in the military. The department shall

1 design and produce the special registration plate carrying the  
2 Blue Star which signifies that a family member is an active duty  
3 service member. The words "Blue Star Family" shall be clearly  
4 displayed along the bottom of the plate. The special  
5 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck  
6 with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

7 (b) Documentation required.--An applicant for a Blue Star  
8 Family plate shall certify on a form approved by the department  
9 that the applicant is a family member of a person who is an  
10 active duty service member in the military.

11 (C) CONSTRUCTION.--NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE <--  
12 CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE:

13 (1) A PERSON ISSUED A BLUE STAR FAMILY PLATE TO RETURN  
14 THE PLATE TO THE DEPARTMENT IF A FAMILY MEMBER NO LONGER  
15 SERVES ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY.

16 (2) THE DEPARTMENT TO PERIODICALLY VERIFY THAT A PERSON  
17 ISSUED A BLUE STAR FAMILY PLATE HAS A FAMILY MEMBER SERVING  
18 ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY AFTER THE INITIAL ISSUANCE OF  
19 THE PLATE.

20 ~~(c)~~ (D) Definition.--As used in this section, the term <--  
21 "family member" includes the following:

22 (1) Mother.

23 (2) Father.

24 (3) Stepmother.

25 (4) Stepfather.

26 (5) Mother through adoption.

27 (6) Father through adoption.

28 (7) Foster mother in loco parentis.

29 (8) Foster father in loco parentis.

30 (9) Son.

