

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2022

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 including a reserve component or National Guard, accompanied by
12 a fee of \$23 which shall be in addition to the annual
13 registration fee and by such documentation as the department
14 shall require, the department shall issue to the family member a
15 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed

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1 as belonging to a family member of a person serving on active  
2 duty in the military, including a reserve component or National  
3 Guard. The department shall design and produce the special  
4 registration plate carrying the Blue Star which signifies that a  
5 family member is an active duty service member, including a  
6 reserve component or National Guard. The words "Blue Star  
7 Family" shall be clearly displayed along the bottom of the  
8 plate. The special registration plate may be used only on a  
9 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not  
10 more than 14,000 pounds.

11 (b) Documentation required.--An applicant for a Blue Star  
12 Family plate shall certify on a form approved by the department  
13 that the applicant is a family member of a person who is an  
14 active duty service member in the military, including a reserve  
15 component or National Guard.

16 (c) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be  
17 construed to require:

18 (1) A person issued a Blue Star Family plate to return  
19 the plate to the department if a family member no longer  
20 serves on active duty in the military, including a reserve  
21 component or National Guard.

22 (2) The department to periodically verify that a person  
23 issued a Blue Star Family plate has a family member serving  
24 on active duty in the military, including a reserve component  
25 or National Guard, after the initial issuance of the plate.

26 (d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "family  
27 member" includes the following:

28 (1) Mother.

29 (2) Father.

30 (3) Stepmother.

- 1           (4) Stepfather.
- 2           (5) Mother through adoption.
- 3           (6) Father through adoption.
- 4           (7) Foster mother in loco parentis.
- 5           (8) Foster father in loco parentis.
- 6           (9) Son.
- 7           (10) Daughter.
- 8           (11) Stepson.
- 9           (12) Stepdaughter.
- 10          (13) Son by adoption.
- 11          (14) Daughter by adoption.
- 12          (15) Brother.
- 13          (16) Sister.
- 14          (17) Half-brother.
- 15          (18) Half-sister.
- 16          (19) Grandfather.
- 17          (20) Grandmother.
- 18          (21) Spouse.

19          Section 2. This act shall take effect in 120 days.