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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 1 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for 2 person with disability plate and placard; in fees, further 3 providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees; and, in powers of department and local 5 authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. Sections 1338(c)(4), 1901(c)(21) and 6109(q)(5), 11 (h)(3) and (i)(3) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 12 Statutes are amended to read: 13 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard. * * * 14 15 (c) Health care provider's statement. --* * * 16 17 The department shall phase out existing 18 [handicapped] accessibility placards as soon as practicable 19 and issue a new series to persons who comply with this section. The department shall change all references to 20

- 1 "handicap" and "handicapped" regarding placards, parking
- 2 permits and designated areas to reflect the use of the terms
- 3 "accessible" and "accessibility" within materials distributed
- 4 <u>or referred to by the department or posted on the</u>
- 5 <u>department's publicly accessible Internet website.</u>
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- 7 § 1901. Exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.
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- 9 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No
- 10 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any
- 11 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to
- 12 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the
- 13 registration:
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- 15 (21) Nonprofit organizations which principally serve
- [mentally or physically handicapped or disabled persons.]
- individuals with mental or physical disabilities.
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- 19 § 6109. Specific powers of department and local authorities.
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- 21 (q) Delegation of powers in cities of the first class.--
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- 23 (5) As used in this subsection, the following words and
- 24 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 25 paragraph:
- 26 "Administer." To provide any services or materials
- 27 necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in
- order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or
- 29 parking of motor vehicles in a city of the first class or
- those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions

- provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) The installation and maintenance of all equipment, including parking meters, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
 - (ii) The installation and maintenance of all signage, including signage for [handicapped] accessible parking, residential permit parking and loading areas, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
- (iii) The operation and management of any
 [handicapped] accessible parking, residential parking and
 loading area permit programs.

"Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties, costs and fees, including independent collection agency fees, for violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles in a city of the first class and those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions provided in this section and sections 3351, 3353 and 3354.

- (h) Delegation of powers in cities of the second class.--
- (3) As used in this subsection, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this paragraph:

"Administer." To provide any services or materials necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles in a city of the second class or

- 1 those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions
- 2 provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354, including, but not
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- 4 (i) The installation and maintenance of all equipment, including parking meters, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
 - (ii) The installation and maintenance of all signage, including signage for [handicapped] accessible parking, residential permit parking and loading areas, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
 - (iii) The operation and management of any
 [handicapped] accessible parking, residential parking and
 loading area permit programs.
 - (iv) The adjudication of all disputed parking violation notices or citations issued through enforcement by the parking authority in a city of the second class.

17 "Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of 18 19 motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties and 20 costs, including independent collection agency fees, for 21 violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of 22 motor vehicles in a city of the second class and those 23 24 certain stopping, standing and parking provisions provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354. 25

- 26 (i) Delegation of powers in cities of the second class A and 27 third class.--
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- 29 (3) As used in this subsection, the following words and 30 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 paragraph:

"Administer." To provide any services or materials necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles in a city of the second class A or city of the third class or those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354, including, but not limited to:

- (i) The installation and maintenance of all equipment, including parking meters, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
- (ii) The installation and maintenance of all signage, including signage for [handicapped] accessible parking, residential permit parking and loading areas, on and along highways, streets and roadways.
- (iii) The operation and management of any
 [handicapped] accessible parking, residential parking and
 loading area permit programs.
- (iv) The adjudication of all disputed parking violation notices or citations issued through enforcement by the parking authority in a city of the second class A or city of the third class.

"Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties and costs, including independent collection agency fees, for violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles in a city of the second class A and city of the third class and those certain stopping, standing and

- 1 parking provisions provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354.
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- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.