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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 registration and certificate of title required; in licensing
4 of drivers, further providing for carrying and exhibiting
5 driver's license on demand; and, in inspection of vehicles,
6 further providing for operation of vehicle without official
7 certificate of inspection.

8 This act may be referred to as the Forgetful Driver
9 Forgiveness Act.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 1301 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
13 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
14 § 1301. Registration and certificate of title required.

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16 (e) Exceptions.--

17 (1) No person charged with violating subsection (a)
18 shall be convicted if fewer than 30 days have elapsed from
19 the expiration of the person's valid vehicle registration and
20 the person:

1 (i) produces at the headquarters of the police
2 officer who demanded to see the person's vehicle
3 registration, within 10 days of the demand, a vehicle
4 registration valid in this Commonwealth; or

5 (ii) if a citation has been filed, produces at the
6 office of the issuing authority, within 10 days of the
7 filing of the citation, a vehicle registration valid in
8 this Commonwealth.

9 (2) The exception under paragraph (1) does not apply if
10 the person, in addition to being charged with a violation of
11 subsection (a), is charged with another offense committed at
12 the same time and place.

13 Section 2. Section 1511(b) of Title 75 is amended to read:

14 § 1511. Carrying and exhibiting driver's license on demand.

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16 (b) Production to avoid penalty.--

17 (1) No person shall be convicted of violating this
18 section or section 1501(a) (relating to drivers required to
19 be licensed) if fewer than 30 days have elapsed from the
20 expiration of the person's valid driver's license and the
21 person:

22 [(1)] (i) produces at the headquarters of the police
23 officer who demanded to see the person's license, within
24 [15] 10 days of the demand, a driver's license valid in
25 this Commonwealth [at the time of the demand]; or

26 [(2)] (ii) if a citation has been filed, produces at
27 the office of the issuing authority, within [15] 10 days
28 of the filing of the citation, a driver's license valid
29 in this Commonwealth [on the date of the citation].

30 (2) The exception under paragraph (1) does not apply if

1 the person, in addition to being charged with a violation of
2 subsection (a) or section 1501(a), is charged with another
3 offense committed at the same time and place.

4 Section 3. Section 4703(b)(11) of Title 75 is amended and
5 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

6 § 4703. Operation of vehicle without official certificate of
7 inspection.

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9 (a.1) Prohibition.--

10 (1) No person shall be convicted of violating subsection
11 (a) if fewer than 30 days have elapsed from the expiration of
12 the valid certificate of inspection issued under this chapter
13 for the vehicle being operated and the vehicle owner:

14 (i) produces at the headquarters of the police
15 officer who demanded the vehicle owner or operator to
16 display an official certificate of inspection for the
17 vehicle being operated, within 10 days of the demand, a
18 valid certificate of inspection issued under this chapter
19 for the vehicle; or

20 (ii) if a citation has been filed, produces at the
21 office of the issuing authority, within 10 days of the
22 filing of the citation, a valid certificate of inspection
23 issued under this chapter for the vehicle.

24 (2) The exception under paragraph (1) does not apply if
25 the person, in addition to being charged with a violation of
26 subsection (a), is charged with another offense committed at
27 the same time and place.

28 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) does not apply to:

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30 (11) A motor vehicle being operated by the vehicle owner

1 after the expiration of a valid certificate of inspection
2 under this chapter while enroute to an inspection station
3 where an appointment for inspection has been scheduled[,
4 provided that such operation occurs no later than ten days
5 after the expiration of a valid certificate of inspection
6 issued under this chapter]. The exception under this
7 paragraph does not apply if the person, in addition to being
8 charged with a violation of subsection (a), is charged with
9 another offense committed at the same time and place.

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11 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.