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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for  
 3 lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1333(b.1) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1333. Lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.

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10 (b.1) Illegible registration plate.--[The department may  
 11 reissue a registration plate upon request by a registrant when  
 12 it is determined by an authorized representative of the  
 13 department or law enforcement that the registration plate is  
 14 illegible from a reasonable distance. The department may select  
 15 the style of the reissued registration plate and, except in the  
 16 case of personal registration plates issued under section 1341  
 17 (relating to special registration plates), the registration  
 18 plate number.]

1           (1) The department shall reissue a registration plate at  
2 no cost if the registration plate has become illegible from a  
3 reasonable distance, subject to the following:

4           (i) The illegible registration plate was issued  
5 within the last 10 years by the department.

6           (ii) An authorized representative of the department  
7 or law enforcement has certified that the registration  
8 plate has become illegible from a reasonable distance.

9           (2) A registration plate reissued under paragraph (1)  
10 shall be the same type of registration plate as the illegible  
11 registration plate, including personal registration plates  
12 issued under section 1341 (relating to special registration  
13 plates) or any other registration plate authorized by this  
14 subchapter.

15           (3) The department shall not be required to reissue the  
16 same type of registration plate under paragraph (2) if the  
17 type of registration plate has been discontinued. If a type  
18 of registration plate has been discontinued, the department  
19 shall reissue a standard registration plate.

20           (4) If the department reissues a registration plate  
21 under this subsection for an illegible plate that has been  
22 personalized under section 1341, the reissued registration  
23 plate shall consist of the same alphanumeric pattern as the  
24 illegible registration plate.

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