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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in fees, providing for exemption of active first
3 responders from fees.

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 § 1901.1. Exemption of active first responders from fees.

9 (a) General rule.--No fees may be charged under sections
10 1305 (relating to application for registration) and 1309
11 (relating to renewal of registration) to an active volunteer
12 first responder certified under subsection (b) for a vehicle
13 owned by the active volunteer first responder for the purpose of
14 responding to emergencies.

15 (b) Certification.--To receive an exemption under subsection
16 (a), an individual shall apply for certification as an active
17 volunteer first responder. To obtain certification under this

1 subsection:

2 (1) An applicant shall submit a signed application to
3 the executive officer of the first response organization.

4 (2) The executive officer and another officer of the
5 first response organization shall:

6 (i) Sign the application attesting to the
7 individual's status as an active volunteer first
8 responder.

9 (ii) Forward the application to the department for
10 final review and approval and include vehicle information
11 for the vehicle used by the active volunteer first
12 responder to respond to emergencies.

13 (3) In reviewing an application for certification, the
14 department shall consider the following factors:

15 (i) The number of emergency calls to which the
16 volunteer responds.

17 (ii) The level of training and participation in
18 formal training and drills of the volunteer.

19 (iii) The total amount of time expended by the
20 volunteer on administrative and other support services,
21 including fundraising and facility or equipment
22 maintenance.

23 (iv) The involvement of the volunteer in other
24 events or projects that aid the financial viability,
25 emergency response or operational readiness of a
26 volunteer fire company or a nonprofit emergency medical
27 services agency.

28 (c) Guidelines.--The department shall adopt guidelines,
29 including forms and applications, necessary to implement this
30 section.

1 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Active volunteer first responder." A member of a first
5 response organization who does not receive compensation for the
6 member's services.

7 "Emergency medical services agency." As defined in 35
8 Pa.C.S. § 8103 (relating to definitions).

9 "Executive officer." The chief or president of the first
10 response organization that a qualified applicant serves.

11 "First response organization." Any of the following:

12 (1) An emergency medical services agency.

13 (2) A volunteer fire company.

14 (3) A volunteer rescue company.

15 "Volunteer fire company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802
16 (relating to definitions).

17 "Volunteer rescue company." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7802.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.