

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2024

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 AND FOR
4 USE OF FARM VEHICLE PLATES, providing for Pennsylvania
5 Sportsman plate and establishing the Youth Hunting and
6 Fishing Restricted Account.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated <--
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 1333(B.1) AND 1344(A) (3) OF TITLE 75 OF <--
12 THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

13 § 1333. LOST, STOLEN, DAMAGED OR ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE.

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15 (B.1) ILLEGIBLE REGISTRATION PLATE.--

16 (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REISSUE A REGISTRATION PLATE UPON
17 REQUEST BY A REGISTRANT WHEN IT IS DETERMINED BY AN
18 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE IS ILLEGIBLE FROM A

1 REASONABLE DISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SELECT THE STYLE OF
2 THE REISSUED REGISTRATION PLATE AND, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF
3 PERSONAL REGISTRATION PLATES ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1341
4 (RELATING TO SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES), THE REGISTRATION
5 PLATE NUMBER.

6 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1):

7 (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AT NO COST TO THE
8 REGISTRANT REISSUE THE STYLE OF THE REGISTRATION PLATE
9 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) UPON REQUEST BY A REGISTRANT WHEN
10 IT IS DETERMINED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THE REGISTRATION PLATE
12 IS ILLEGIBLE FROM A REASONABLE DISTANCE.

13 (II) SUBPARAGRAPH (I) SHALL APPLY TO PLATES ISSUED
14 UNDER:

15 (A) SECTION 1342 (RELATING TO VETERAN PLATES AND
16 PLACARD).

17 (B) SECTION 1345 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
18 RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR).

19 (C) SECTION 1346 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
20 RECIPIENTS OF PURPLE HEART).

21 (D) SECTION 1348 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
22 PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS).

23 (E) SECTION 1350 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
24 VETERANS OF KOREAN WAR).

25 (F) SECTION 1350.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
26 FOR RECIPIENTS OF KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL).

27 (G) SECTION 1351 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
28 VETERANS OF PERSIAN GULF WAR).

29 (H) SECTION 1356 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
30 RECIPIENTS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES MEDAL).

1 (I) SECTION 1357 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
2 WORLD WAR II VETERANS).

3 (J) SECTION 1357.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
4 FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES
5 MERCHANT MARINE).

6 (K) SECTION 1360 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
7 VETERANS OF VIETNAM CONFLICT).

8 (L) SECTION 1361 (RELATING TO SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE
9 PLATES RELATED TO VETERANS).

10 (M) SECTION 1362 (RELATING TO OPERATION IRAQI
11 FREEDOM VETERANS PLATE).

12 (N) SECTION 1363 (RELATING TO OPERATION ENDURING
13 FREEDOM VETERANS PLATE).

14 (O) SECTION 1363.1 (RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN AND
15 IRAQ VETERANS PLATE).

16 (P) SECTION 1364 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
17 VETERANS).

18 (Q) SECTION 1364.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
19 FOR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
20 STATES).

21 (R) SECTION 1365 (RELATING TO GOLD STAR FAMILY
22 PLATE).

23 (S) SECTION 1366 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
24 RECIPIENTS OF SILVER STAR).

25 (T) SECTION 1366.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
26 FOR UNITED STATES MILITARY AIRBORNE UNITS).

27 (U) SECTION 1366.2 (RELATING TO BLUE STAR FAMILY
28 PLATE).

29 (V) SECTION 1366.3 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
30 FOR RECIPIENTS OF AIR MEDAL).

1 (W) SECTION 1367 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
2 RECIPIENTS OF BRONZE STAR).

3 (X) SECTION 1368 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES FOR
4 RECIPIENTS OF BRONZE STAR FOR VALOR).

5 (Y) SECTION 1368.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
6 FOR RECIPIENTS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL).

7 (Z) SECTION 1368.2 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
8 FOR RECIPIENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE BADGE).

9 (AA) SECTION 1368.3 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
10 FOR RECIPIENTS OF LEGION OF MERIT).

11 (BB) SECTION 1369 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
12 FOR RECIPIENTS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS,
13 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, NAVY CROSS OR AIR FORCE
14 CROSS).

15 (CC) SECTION 1369.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
16 FOR RECIPIENTS OF COMBAT ACTION BADGE, COMBAT
17 INFANTRYMAN BADGE, COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, COMBAT
18 ACTION MEDAL OR COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE).

19 (DD) SECTION 1369.3 (RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES
20 FOR VETERANS OF AN ALLY FOREIGN COUNTRY).

21 (EE) ANY SPECIAL PLATES HONORING MILITARY
22 SERVICE AUTHORIZED BY LAW THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH
23 THIS PARAGRAPH. THE SECRETARY SHALL TRANSMIT NOTICE
24 OF ANY PLATES UNDER THIS CLAUSE TO THE LEGISLATIVE
25 REFERENCE BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT
26 AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

27 (III) A REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II),
28 REISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I), THAT IS ALSO A PERSONAL
29 REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BE REISSUED AT NO COST TO THE
30 REGISTRANT WITH THE SAME REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER UNLESS

1 WAIVED IN WRITING BY THE REGISTRANT.

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3 § 1344. USE OF FARM VEHICLE PLATES.

4 (A) GENERAL RULE.--A TRUCK OR TRUCK TRACTOR BEARING FARM
5 VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY UPON A
6 FARM OR FARMS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE REGISTRANT OF THE VEHICLE
7 OR UPON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN:

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9 (3) SUCH A FARM OR FARMS AND A PLACE OF BUSINESS OR
10 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING OR SELLING
11 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES OR SUPPLIES [.] , REGARDLESS OF
12 WHETHER THE VEHICLE IS OPERATED BY THE REGISTRANT OF THE
13 VEHICLE OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE REGISTRANT OF THE VEHICLE.

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15 SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
16 § 1355.2. Pennsylvania Sportsman plate.

17 (a) Design.--No later than 60 days after the effective date
18 of this section, the department, in consultation with the
19 Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
20 Commission, shall design a special Pennsylvania Sportsman
21 registration plate.

22 (b) Application.--Upon application by any person and payment
23 of a \$40 fee, which shall be in addition to the registration
24 fee, the department shall issue a Pennsylvania Sportsman
25 registration plate to the person.

26 (c) Limitation on gross weight.--The special registration
27 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
28 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

29 (d) Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.--

30 (1) The Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account is

1 established in the State Treasury. The money in the
2 restricted account is appropriated on a continuing basis to
3 the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Pennsylvania Fish and
4 Boat Commission as provided under this subsection.

5 (2) The sum of \$14 of each fee collected under
6 subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Youth Hunting and
7 Fishing Restricted Account.

8 (3) The money in the Youth Hunting and Fishing
9 Restricted Account shall be allocated as follows:

10 (i) Fifty percent of the money in the restricted
11 account shall be allocated to the Pennsylvania Game
12 Commission for the purpose of conducting activities that
13 promote youth hunter education.

14 (ii) Fifty percent of the money in the restricted
15 account shall be allocated to the Pennsylvania Fish and
16 Boat Commission for the purpose of conducting activities
17 that promote youth fishing education.

18 (4) The Pennsylvania Game Commission and the
19 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission may not use money
20 allocated to them under this subsection for salaries or
21 administrative expenses.

22 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~ <--

23 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS: <--

24 (1) THE AMENDMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN
25 60 DAYS:

26 (I) 75 PA.C.S. § 1333(B.1).

27 (II) 75 PA.C.S. § 1344(A)(3).

28 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
29 IMMEDIATELY.