

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, 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 ~~Distracted Driving Awareness plate.~~

4 AMENDING TITLE 75 (VEHICLES) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED <--
5 STATUTES, IN REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
6 SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES MEDAL,
7 PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF GLOBAL WAR ON
8 TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
9 DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS PLATE, FOR SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE
10 PLATES RELATED TO VETERANS AND FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR
11 VETERANS AND PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF
12 BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL; AND, IN FEES, FURTHER
13 PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF PERSONS, ENTITIES AND VEHICLES
14 FROM FEES.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 ~~Section 1. Section 1358.2(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
18 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

19 ~~§ 1358.2. Distracted Driving Awareness plate.~~

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21 ~~{(b) Expiration. This section shall expire December 31,~~
22 ~~2025.}~~

23 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.~~

1 SECTION 1. SECTION 1356 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
2 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:
3 § 1356. SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
4 MEDAL.

5 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
6 EXPEDITIONARY FORCES MEDAL, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20 WHICH
7 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE [ANNUAL] REGISTRATION FEE AND BY
8 SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO SUCH PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
10 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO REGISTERED AS BELONGING TO A
11 PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES MEDAL[.],
12 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 1356.1 (RELATING TO SPECIAL
13 PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY
14 MEDAL). THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A
15 PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT
16 MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL
17 BEAR THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES MEDAL.

18 SECTION 2. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
19 § 1356.1. SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF GLOBAL WAR ON
20 TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.

21 UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE
22 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, ACCOMPANIED BY A
23 FEE OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE
24 AND ANY DOCUMENTATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES, THE DEPARTMENT
25 SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
26 DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS
27 A RECIPIENT OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.
28 THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER
29 CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN
30 14,000 POUNDS. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE SHALL BEAR THE

1 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.

2 SECTION 3. SECTIONS 1358.2(B) AND 1361 OF TITLE 75 ARE
3 AMENDED TO READ:

4 § 1358.2. DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS PLATE.

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6 [(B) EXPIRATION.--THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31,
7 2025.]

8 § 1361. SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE PLATES RELATED TO VETERANS.

9 (A) [HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY
10 PERSON WHO IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE ARMED
11 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED
12 FORCES AS DEFINED IN 51 PA.C.S. § 7301 (RELATING TO
13 DEFINITIONS), ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20] VETERANS.--UPON
14 APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER 51
15 PA.C.S. § 7101.2 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS), ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE
16 OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE [ANNUAL] REGISTRATION
17 FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE,
18 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
19 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A
20 VETERAN. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A
21 MOTORCYCLE.

22 (A.1) WOMEN VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY WOMAN WHO IS
23 A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER 51 PA.C.S. § 7101.2, ACCOMPANIED BY A
24 FEE OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE
25 AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE
26 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
27 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A
28 WOMAN VETERAN. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY
29 ON A MOTORCYCLE.

30 (B) HONORING OUR VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON,

1 ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF [~~\$35~~] \$41 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO
2 THE [~~ANNUAL~~] REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE
4 PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE MOTORCYCLE
5 AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS HONORING VETERANS OF THE ARMED
6 FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY
7 BE USED ONLY ON A MOTORCYCLE. THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND SHALL
8 RECEIVE \$15 OF THE FEE PAID BY THE APPLICANT FOR THE PLATE.

9 (C) HONORING OUR WOMEN VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY
10 PERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$41, WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION
11 TO THE REGISTRATION FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE
13 PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS
14 BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS HONORING WOMEN VETERANS OF THE
15 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION
16 PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A MOTORCYCLE. THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND
17 SHALL RECEIVE \$15 OF THE FEE PAID BY THE APPLICANT FOR THE
18 PLATE. THE PORTION OF THE FEE TRANSFERRED TO THE VETERANS' TRUST
19 FUND UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED FOR PROGRAMS AND
20 RESOURCES THAT ASSIST WOMEN VETERANS.

21 SECTION 4. SECTION 1364(A) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED AND THE
22 SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO READ:

23 § 1364. SPECIAL PLATES FOR VETERANS.

24 (A) [~~HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY~~
25 ~~PERSON WHO IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE ARMED~~
26 ~~FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED~~
27 ~~FORCES AS DEFINED IN 51 PA.C.S. § 7301 (RELATING TO~~
28 ~~DEFINITIONS), ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$20] VETERANS.--UPON
29 APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER 51
30 PA.C.S. § 7101.2 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS), ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE~~

1 OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE [ANNUAL] REGISTRATION
2 FEE AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE,
3 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
4 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A
5 VETERAN [OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES]. THE SPECIAL
6 REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK
7 WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

8 (A.1) WOMEN VETERANS.--UPON APPLICATION OF ANY WOMAN WHO IS
9 A VETERAN AS DEFINED UNDER 51 PA.C.S. § 7101.2, ACCOMPANIED BY A
10 FEE OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE
11 AND BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE, THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
13 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE AS BELONGING TO A PERSON WHO IS A
14 WOMAN VETERAN. THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE MAY BE USED ONLY
15 ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF
16 NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

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18 SECTION 5. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
19 § 1368.4. SPECIAL PLATES FOR RECIPIENTS OF BORINQUENEERS
20 CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

21 (A) ISSUANCE.--UPON APPLICATION OF A PERSON WHO IS A
22 RECIPIENT OF THE BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL,
23 ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$26 WHICH SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE
24 REGISTRATION FEE AND ANY DOCUMENTATION THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES,
25 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO THE PERSON A SPECIAL REGISTRATION
26 PLATE DESIGNATING THE VEHICLE SO LICENSED AS BELONGING TO A
27 PERSON WHO IS A RECIPIENT OF THE BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL
28 GOLD MEDAL.

29 (B) LIMITATION.--A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS
30 SECTION MAY BE USED ONLY ON A PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A

1 REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 14,000 POUNDS.

2 (C) DESIGN.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND PRODUCE THE
3 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION TO DISPLAY THE
4 BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL EMBLEM AND THE WORDS
5 "BORINQUENEERS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL" AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH
6 PLATE. EACH SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT
7 IS NOT PERSONALIZED SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE LETTER "B" AS A
8 PREFIX OR SUFFIX TO THE NUMERALS ON THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION
9 PLATE.

10 SECTION 6. SECTION 1901(C) AND (D) (2) OF TITLE 75 ARE
11 AMENDED AND SUBSECTION (B) IS AMENDED BY ADDING PARAGRAPHS TO
12 READ:

13 § 1901. EXEMPTION OF PERSONS, ENTITIES AND VEHICLES FROM FEES.

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15 (B) TITLE AND REGISTRATION FEES.--NO FEE SHALL BE CHARGED
16 FOR TITLING OR REGISTRATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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18 (6) VEHICLES REGISTERED TO A VETERAN WHO LOST A LIMB OR
19 EYE OR WHO BECAME PARTIALLY PARALYZED WHILE SERVING IN THE
20 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

21 (7) VEHICLES REGISTERED TO A PERSON WHO, AS A MEMBER OF
22 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS CAPTURED BY THE
23 ENEMY IN ANY ARMED CONFLICT FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 DEFENSE AUTHORIZES A CAMPAIGN MEDAL.

25 (8) VEHICLES REGISTERED TO A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED
26 THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR OR THE PURPLE HEART.

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28 (C) PROCESSING FEE IN LIEU OF REGISTRATION FEE.--NO
29 REGISTRATION FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED BY ANY
30 OF THE FOLLOWING BUT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A FEE OF \$10 TO

1 COVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FOR ISSUING OR RENEWING THE
2 REGISTRATION:

3 (1) HOSPITAL.

4 (2) HUMANE SOCIETY.

5 (3) NONPROFIT YOUTH CENTER.

6 (4) AMERICAN RED CROSS.

7 (5) CHURCH.

8 (6) GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

9 (7) BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

10 (8) SALVATION ARMY.

11 (9) DULY CHARTERED POSTS OF NATIONAL VETERANS '
12 ORGANIZATIONS.

13 (10) YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

14 (11) YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.

15 (12) YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

16 (13) YOUNG WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.

17 (14) JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER.

18 (15) NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS OF MUSICAL MARCHING GROUPS
19 OF YOUTHS.

20 (16) [ANY] (I) SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
21 (II), A PERSON WHO IS RETIRED AND RECEIVING SOCIAL
22 SECURITY OR OTHER PENSION AND WHOSE TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME
23 DOES NOT EXCEED [\$19,200] \$29,906. UNLESS THE RETIRED
24 PERSON IS PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF DRIVING THE
25 VEHICLE, THE RETIRED PERSON SHALL BE THE PRINCIPAL DRIVER
26 OF THE VEHICLE BUT MAY FROM TIME TO TIME AUTHORIZE
27 ANOTHER PERSON TO DRIVE THE VEHICLE IN HIS OR HER STEAD.

28 (II) BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY FOLLOWING
29 THE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH AND
30 EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE MAXIMUM TOTAL ANNUAL

1 INCOME AMOUNT IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) SHALL BE FIXED ANNUALLY
2 BY THE DEPARTMENT BASED UPON THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT IN THE
3 PRIOR YEAR AS ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN THE
4 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) FOR
5 THE UNITED STATES FOR ALL ITEMS AS PUBLISHED BY THE
6 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR
7 STATISTICS, FOR THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD. THE MAXIMUM
8 AMOUNT AS ADJUSTED SHALL BE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST
9 MULTIPLE OF \$1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT NOTICE OF
10 THE NEW MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
11 BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

12 [(17) ANY VETERAN WHO LOST A LIMB OR EYE OR WHO BECAME
13 PARTIALLY PARALYZED WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
14 UNITED STATES.]

15 (18) A PERSON WHO, AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
16 THE UNITED STATES, WAS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY DURING WORLD WAR
17 I, WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN EMERGENCY, THE VIETNAM CONFLICT
18 OR IN A FUTURE ARMED CONFLICT FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 DEFENSE AUTHORIZES A CAMPAIGN MEDAL.

20 (19) ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL
21 MEDAL OF HONOR.]

22 (20) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CARE FOR OR OTHERWISE
23 PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY OR THE INFIRM.

24 (21) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PRINCIPALLY SERVE
25 MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OR DISABLED PERSONS.

26 (22) NONPROFIT MOBILE AVIATION MUSEUM.

27 (23) NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE AMBULANCE OR
28 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

29 (D) LIMITATIONS.--

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1 (2) ONLY ONE PASSENGER CAR OR TRUCK WITH A REGISTERED
2 GROSS WEIGHT OF NOT MORE THAN 9,000 POUNDS MAY BE REGISTERED
3 TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) (4), (6),
4 (7) AND (8) AND SUBSECTION (C) (16) [, (17), (18) AND (19)].

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6 SECTION 7. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

7 (1) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF 75 PA.C.S. §§ 1356,
8 1356.1, 1361, 1364(A) AND (A.1) AND 1368.4 SHALL TAKE EFFECT
9 IN 120 DAYS.

10 (2) THE AMENDMENT OR ADDITION OF 75 PA.C.S. § 1901(B)
11 (6), (7) AND (8), (C) AND (D) (2) SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN FIVE
12 MONTHS.

13 (3) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
14 IMMEDIATELY.