

No. 149

AN ACT

HB 1723

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," revising provisions relating to fees for vehicle equipment and operation and providing for competitive bidding as to equipment leases.

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

Section 1. The definition of "suburban motor vehicles" in section 102, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is repealed and definitions are added to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words and phrases when used in this act shall, for the purpose of this act, have the following meanings, respectively, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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***"Farm truck."*—A truck used exclusively for farming purposes within a twenty-five (25) mile radius.**

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***"Motor home."*—A motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily as a mobile dwelling, office or commercial space.**

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***"Taxi."*—A motor vehicle designed for carrying no more than five (5) passengers and driver and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.**

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Section 2. Section 502.1 of the act, added August 17, 1965 (P.L.332, No.179), the fourth paragraph amended January 18, 1968 (1967 P.L.957, No.425), is amended to read:

Section 502.1. Use of Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Registration Plates Limited.—[A person entitled to registration under clause (1) (Repair, Service and Towing) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class in direct connection with the operation of his repair, service and towing business, and such registration plates shall not be used for his personal pleasure or personal use.

A person entitled to registration under clause (2) (Wrecking Lot) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class in

direct connection with the operation of such business, and such registration plates shall not be used for his personal pleasure or personal use.

A person entitled to registration under clause (3) (Body Manufacturer) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in the class in connection with the operation of his body manufacturing business, and such registration plates shall not be used for his personal pleasure or personal use.

A person entitled to registration under clause (4) (Transporter) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class for the purpose of transporting new motor vehicles, tractors, trailers, or new and used trailers on their own wheels owned by or in possession of a registered dealer.

A person entitled to registration under clause (5) (Financer) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class for the purpose of moving or operating a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, mobilehome, house trailer or office trailer which he is repossessing or which after repossessing he is moving for the purpose of repairing or having repaired, demonstrating for sale, or which he is moving for delivery to a bona fide purchaser in the regular course of his business.

A person entitled to registration under clause (6) (Collector-Repossessor) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class for the purpose of moving or operating a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, mobilehome, house trailer or office trailer which he is repossessing.

A person entitled to registration under clause (7) (Fleet Owner Repair Service) of the definition of "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" in section 102 of this act may only use registration plates issued to him in that class in direct connection with his own repair business for repairing, servicing or delivering his own vehicles or tractors.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.] *Miscellaneous motor vehicle business plates may be used only when the vehicle is used for any of the following purposes:*

- (1) *In the conduct of the miscellaneous motor vehicle business.*
- (2) *For the personal pleasure or use of the owner of the miscellaneous motor vehicle business or members of their immediate family, or when the business is a corporation, for the pleasure or use of not more than three (3) officers or members of their immediate families,*

or for the personal use of the regular employes of business when operated by the employe.

Section 3. Section 701 of the act, amended March 3, 1970 (P.L.88, No.39), is amended to read:

Section 701. Motorcycles.—The fee for the annual registration of a motorcycle, as defined in this act, shall be **[eight dollars (\$8.00)] twelve dollars (\$12.00)**.

Section 4. Section 702 of the act, amended May 10, 1974 (P.L.281, No.83), is amended to read:

Section 702. Motor Vehicles.—The fee for annual registration of motor vehicles, except as provided in this act, shall be **[fourteen dollars (\$14.00)] twenty-four dollars (\$24.00)**, and, if the department shall be requested by the applicant for registration to assign to motor vehicles any special series of registration plates for which no additional fee is expressly provided for by this act, an additional fee **[in an amount equal to the fee] of twenty dollars (\$20.00)**. **[for annual registration of each such motor vehicle. Such annual registration fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for any person owning the motor vehicle who is retired and receiving social security or other pension and whose total income does not exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. No such motor vehicle shall be a commercial or income-producing motor vehicle and no such motor vehicle shall be operated by any person other than the owner given the reduced registration fee or any person authorized by the owner to operate the motor vehicle. Every such person claiming such reduced annual registration fee shall submit annually with the license application a statement in writing affirming the retired, social security or pension status and setting forth the total income for the previous year. Every such operator granted the reduced registration fee shall carry a special owner's card designed and issued by the department. The department may require specially designed license plates or stickers for motor vehicles of owners granted the reduced registration fee.]**

Section 5. Section 702.1 of the act is repealed.

Section 6. Section 704 of the act, amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1024, No.332), is amended to read:

Section 704. Commercial Motor Vehicles, School Buses and Truck Tractors.—

(a) The fee for annual registration of a commercial motor vehicle (except a school bus) or truck tractor **[with pneumatic tires]** shall be determined by its registered gross weight, according to the following table:

Class.	Registered Gross Weight in Pounds.	Fee.
[1	5,000	\$ 26.00
2	7,000	36.00
3	9,000	52.00
4	11,000	64.00
5	14,000	80.00
6	17,000	100.00
7	21,000	136.00
8	26,000	168.00
9	30,000	200.00
10	33,000	230.00
11	36,000	260.00
12	40,000	290.00
13	44,000	315.00
14	48,000	345.00
15	52,000	380.00
16	56,000	410.00
17	60,000	440.00
18	64,000	470.00
19	68,000	500.00
20	73,280	535.00]
1	5,000	\$ 39.00
2	7,000	50.00
3	9,000	84.00
4	11,000	108.00
5	14,000	132.00
6	17,000	156.00
7	21,000	192.00
8	26,000	216.00
9	30,000	252.00
10	33,000	300.00
11	36,000	324.00
12	40,000	342.00
13	44,000	360.00
14	48,000	384.00
15	52,000	420.00
16	56,000	444.00
17	60,000	500.00
18	64,000	552.00
19	68,000	576.00
20	73,280	606.00

[(b) The fee for annual registration of a commercial motor vehicle (except a school bus) or truck tractor with cushion or solid rubber tires shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) times the fee shown in subsection (a) for a pneumatic-tired vehicle of the same registered gross weight.]

(c) The fee for annual registration of a school bus shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00). For the purpose of this subsection a "school bus" shall be any motor vehicle of the bus type, other than a "motor bus" or "motor omnibus," operated under contract with any school district, private school or parochial school of this Commonwealth or owned by any private school or parochial school of this Commonwealth for the transportation of school children or children between their homes and Sunday School.

Section 7. Section 707 of the act, amended November 28, 1973 (P.L.346, No.120), is amended to read:

Section 707. Trailers and Semi-Trailers.—(a) The fee for annual registration of [a mobilehome, house trailer, office trailer, boat trailer or fertilizer trailer shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00).

(b) The fee for annual registration of a trailer or semitrailer, with pneumatic tires (other than a mobilehome, house trailer, office trailer, boat trailer or fertilizer trailer), for which the owner shall have designated a registered gross weight pursuant to section 402, shall be determined by its registered gross weight, according to the following table:

Class.	Registered Gross Weight (lbs.)	Fee.
1	3,000	\$12.00
2	6,000	32.00
3	8,000	44.00
4	10,000	56.00

(c) The fee for annual registration of a trailer or semi-trailer with cushion or solid rubber tires (other than a mobilehome, house trailer, office trailer, boat trailer or fertilizer trailer), for which the owner shall have designated a registered gross weight pursuant to section 402, shall be one and one-half (1-½) times the fee shown in subsection (b) for a pneumatic-tired vehicle of the same registered gross weight. *any trailer or semi-trailer with a registered gross weight of three thousand (3,000) pounds or less shall be six dollars (\$6.00) and for a trailer with a registered gross weight of three thousand one (3,001) pounds or more shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).*

(d) The fee for annual registration of a trailer or semi-trailer (other than a mobilehome, house trailer, office trailer, boat trailer or fertilizer trailer), as to which no designation of registered gross weight is required by clause (2), subsection (a) of section 402, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 8. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 707.1. Motor Homes.—The fee for annual registration of motor homes shall be forty-eight dollars (\$48.00).

Section 707.2. Farm Trucks.—The fee for annual registration of farm trucks shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 707.3. Ambulances, Taxis and Hearses.—*The fee for annual registration of ambulances, taxis and hearses shall be thirty-six dollars (\$36.00).*

Section 9. Section 709 of the act, amended December 1, 1959 (P.L.1626, No.597), is amended to read:

Section 709. Motor Buses and Motor Omnibuses **[with Pneumatic Tires]**.—Except as provided in section **[710.1.] 729**, the fee for annual registration of each motor bus and motor omnibus **[with pneumatic tires]** shall be according to seating capacity **[and the following classes]** as follows:

[Class.	Seating Capacity.	Fee
A	Five (5) passengers or less,	\$25.00
B	More than five (5) passengers and less than eight (8) passengers,	\$30.00
C	More than seven (7) passengers and not more than twenty-six (26) passengers, plus \$4.00 for each seat over seven (7) seats.	\$40.00
D	In excess of twenty-six (26) passengers (except as otherwise provided in Class E), plus \$4.00 for each seat over seven (7) seats to and including twenty-six (26) seats, plus \$10.00 for each seat over twenty-six (26).	\$40.00
E	In excess of forty-four (44) passengers,	\$300.00]

<i>Seating Capacity</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>26 or less</i>	<i>\$ 6.00 per seat</i>
<i>27 - 51</i>	<i>\$156.00 plus \$7.00 per seat in excess of 26</i>
<i>52 or more</i>	<i>\$360.00</i>

Section 10. Sections 710 and 710.1 of the act are repealed.

Section 11. Section 711 of the act is amended to read:

Section 711. Tractors, Classification and Fees.—Tractors for the purposes of this act shall be divided into two (2) classes as follows:

(1) First class.—Tractors used primarily as farm implements for drawing plows, mowing machines, farm wagons and other implements of husbandry, or used as well-drilling, and production equipment.

(2) Second class.—Tractors used for industrial purposes, or as a portable sawmill rig, and for all hauling on any highway, except as specified in clause (1) of this section.

The fee for the annual registration of a tractor of the first class required to be registered shall be **[five dollars (\$5.00)] six dollars (\$6.00)**. The fee for the annual registration of a tractor of the second class shall be **[sixteen dollars (\$16.00)] twenty-four dollars (\$24.00)**.

Section 12. Section 712 of the act is repealed.

Section 13. Sections 714 and 715 of the act, amended March 3, 1970 (P.L.88, No.39), are amended to read:

Section 714. Dealers and Persons in Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business.—The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for **[the first registration and five dollars (\$5.00) for]** each **[additional]** annual registration issued to manufacturers or dealers in motorcycles, registered in the “Dealer’s Class.”

The fee shall be **[fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first registration, and ten dollars (\$10.00)]** *twenty-four dollars (\$24.00)* for each **[additional]** annual registration issued to persons in the “Dealer’s Class” or “Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business Class.”

The fee shall be **[twenty-five (\$25.00) for the first annual registration, and two dollars (\$2.00)]** *twelve dollars (\$12.00)* for each **[additional]** annual registration issued to persons registered as dealers in farm tractors.

The fee for such registration, when registration is issued on or after the beginning of the seventh month of the registration year, but prior to the beginning of the tenth month of the registration year, shall be one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the fee for annual registration. The fee, for such registration, when registration is issued on or after the beginning of the tenth month of the registration year, shall be one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the fee for annual registration.

Section 715. Antique Motor Vehicles.—The fee for registration of an antique motor vehicle for the duration of the time that such vehicle is owned by a resident of Pennsylvania shall be **[twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)]** *fifty dollars (\$50.00)*.

Section 14. Section 716 of the act is repealed.

Section 15. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 716.1. Approval of Vehicle Equipment and Testing Devices.—*The department is authorized to charge reasonable fees for the approval of vehicle equipment and testing devices under the provisions of Article VIII except that:*

- (1) fees shall be based on the cost of operating the department equipment approval program and shall not exceed similar fees charged by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; and*
- (2) no fee shall be charged for approval based on certifications of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.*

Section 16. Sections 717 and 718 of the act, amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1028, No.334), are amended to read:

Section 717. Operators’ Licenses; Duplicate Registration or Operator’s License Card.—

- (a) The fee for issuing an operator’s license to a person unable to produce satisfactory proof of having held a Pennsylvania operator’s license, during any one of the three (3) years preceding application, shall be **[four dollars (\$4.00)]** *five dollars (\$5.00)*, which fee shall entitle the

applicant for such license to receive a learner's permit, valid for ninety (90) days from date of issue, and if the examination shall have been passed during the ninety-day period, an operator's license for the current period not to exceed one (1) year from date of learner's permit or until the occurrence of the month of birth of the operator at the discretion of the secretary. If the application is for an operator's license to operate a motorcycle only, or if the applicant holds a valid operator's license for the operation of motor vehicles, other than motorcycles, and requests authorization to operate a motorcycle, the fee shall be **[four dollars (\$4.00)] five dollars (\$5.00)**.

(b) The fee for renewal of an operator's license shall be **[two dollars (\$2.00)] five dollars (\$5.00)** per year.

(c) The fee for a duplicate operator's license card shall be **[two dollars (\$2.00)] three dollars (\$3.00)**. The fee for a single duplicate registration card, when ordered at the time of vehicle registration, transfer of registration or registration renewal, shall be one dollar (\$1.00); the fee for a duplicate registration card issued at times other than the aforementioned shall be **[two dollars (\$2.00)] three dollars (\$3.00)**.

[(e) The fee for renewal of the initial operator's license for the two (2) year license period may be prorated by the secretary.]

Section 718. Replacement or Substitution of Registration Plates.—The fee for replaced, or substituted, or duplicated motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer, and manufacturer's, jobber's or dealer's registration plate or plates, shall be **[three dollars (\$3.00),] five dollars (\$5.00)**, and the fee for all replaced or substituted or duplicated motorcycle or bicycle with motor attached registration plates including dealer's shall be **[three dollars (\$3.00)] five dollars (\$5.00)**.

Section 17. Section 719 of the act is amended to read:

Section 719. Transferring Registration.—The fee for transfer of registration shall be **[two dollars (\$2.00)] four dollars (\$4.00)** when the motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer is of equal classification with that originally registered, or upon payment of a fee of **[two dollars (\$2.00)] four dollars (\$4.00)** and the difference between the fee originally paid and that due, if the motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-trailer be properly registerable in a higher classification.

Section 18. Section 720 of the act, amended July 20, 1974 (P.L.528, No.180) and December 30, 1974 (P.L.1028, No.334), is amended to read:

Section 720. Certificates of Title; Duplicate Certificates of Title.—(a) The fee for each certificate of title shall be **[four dollars (\$4.00) except in the case where the certificate of title is issued in the name of a person who is possessed of current registration plates issued to him as a dealer and who is possessed of a dealer's identification number in which case the fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00)] five dollars (\$5.00)**.

(b) The fee for a manufacturer's, jobber's or dealer's notification of the department of an acquisition for resale of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer from another manufacturer, jobber or dealer shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

(c) The fee for a duplicate certificate of title shall be [**three dollars (\$3.00)**] *five dollars (\$5.00)*.

Section 19. Section 722 of the act, amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1028, No.334), is amended to read:

Section 722. Fee for Inspection Certificates.—The fee for inspection certificates shall be twenty-five cents (25¢) for each certificate issued [**which shall be marked "Fee 25¢" in one-quarter inch boldface type. A sum equal to the amount so realized shall be allocated to and used solely for the promotion of highway safety**].

Section 20. Section 723 of the act, amended August 4, 1959 (P.L.597, No.200), is amended to read.

Section 723. Uncollectible Checks.—Whenever any check issued in payment of any fee, or for any other purpose, shall be returned to the department as uncollectible the secretary, or local government, shall charge a fee of [**five dollars (\$5.00)**] *ten dollars (\$10.00)* for each operator's license, registration, replacement of tags, transfer of registration, certificate of title, whether original or duplicate, special hauling permit and each other unit of issue by the department, or local government, plus all protest fees to the person presenting such check to him to cover the cost of its collection.

Section 21. Sections 724 and 725 of the act, amended December 30, 1974 (P.L.1028, No.334), are amended to read.

Section 724. Special Hauling Permits as to Weight *and* Size.—[**The fee for a special hauling permit shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00), plus two cents (2¢) for each ton of two thousand (2000) pounds, or fraction thereof, of gross weight of vehicle, or combination of vehicles or vehicle, and load, or combination of vehicles, and their load or loads in excess of the legal gross carrying capacity for which such vehicles or combination of vehicles have been properly registered, for each mile, or fraction thereof, of length of haul, payable to the authorities issuing such permit.**

The annual fee for a special permit which is issued for the license year and authorizes the operation or movement of heavy quarry equipment and machinery, as provided for in subsection (a) of section 905, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).] *(a) The fee for a special hauling permit for each movement of an overweight load shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus three cents (3¢) for each ton-mile computed by multiplying the number of tons by which the actual gross weight exceeds the registered gross weight times the length of the haul in miles. The fee for a special hauling permit for each movement of an oversize load shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). When a vehicle is both oversize and overweight, both fees shall be paid.*

(b) The fee for a special permit which is issued for the period between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of December of each year and authorizes the operation or movement of any oversize self-propelled farm machinery, as provided for in subclause (i) of subsection (a) of section 905, shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for farm machinery not exceeding one hundred fifty (150) inches in width and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for farm machinery one hundred fifty-one (151) to one hundred seventy-five (175) inches in width. The fee for a special permit which is issued for an entire year and authorizes the operation or movement of any oversize self-propelled farm machinery, as provided for in subclause (ii) of subsection (a) of section 905, shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for farm machinery not exceeding one hundred fifty (150) inches in width and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for farm machinery one hundred fifty-one (151) to one hundred seventy-five (175) inches in width.

(c) *The annual fee for a special permit to manufacturers of vehicles which are not normally used on the highways of this Commonwealth, whose place of manufacture is located within this Commonwealth, to operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles on the public highways in accordance with section 906 of this act, while such vehicle or combination of vehicles is in the course of manufacture, and while they are entirely within the control of the manufacturer and not in transit from the manufacturer to a purchaser or dealer, shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). A permit shall not be issued for the movement of articles upon a freeway nor in excess of ten (10) miles.*

(d) The fee for cancelling an unused special hauling permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00) payable to and upon the approval of the authorities issuing the permit.

Section 725. Special Hauling Permits for [Manufacturers of Certain Vehicles.—The fee for a special permit to manufacturers of vehicles which are not normally used on the highways of this Commonwealth, whose place of manufacture is located within the Commonwealth, to operate vehicles or combinations of vehicles on the public highways in accordance with section 906 of this act, while such vehicle or combination of vehicles is in the course of manufacture, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each trip or round trip within a radius of ten (10) miles from the place of manufacture. For trips or round trips of a distance greater than within a twenty-five (25) mile radius from the place of manufacture, the fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).] *Quarry Equipment and Machinery.—The annual fee for operation or movement of each piece of heavy quarry equipment or machinery, as provided for in subsection (a) of section 905, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).*

Section 22. Sections 727 and 728 of the act are repealed.

Section 23. Section 729 of the act, subsection (a) amended October 18, 1972 (P.L.975, No.239), and subsection (f) amended April 19, 1973 (P.L.21, No.9), is amended to read:

Section 729. Exemptions from Fees.—

(a) No fee shall be [charged for a certificate of title or registration of motor vehicles, tractors, fire department equipment, trailers and semi-trailers owned by and used exclusively in the performance of the duties of (1) the Federal Government, (2) any state, other than Pennsylvania, which issues titles or registrations to this Commonwealth without charge, (3) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (4) any city, borough, incorporated town, township, county, county institution district or school district of this Commonwealth, (5) the Civil Air Patrol, duly authorized volunteer fire force, in the extinguishment and prevention of fires or in rescue work, hospital, humane society, or anticruelty society in this Commonwealth, and nonprofit youth centers, (6) the American Red Cross, (7) churches, (8) Girl Scouts of America, (9) Boy Scouts of America, (10) Salvation Army, (11) duly chartered post organization or combination of organizations of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Philippine Pacific War Veterans, Navy Club of the United States, United States Army Ambulance Corps, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of World War I of the U. S. A., Inc., American Veterans of World War II (AMVETS), the Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, or United Spanish War Veterans, of this Commonwealth, or La Societe Des Forty Hommes et Eight Chevaux, and organizations and units of the Pennsylvania National Guard, (12) mine or industrial ambulances, (13) the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. M. H. A., (14) the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. W. H. A., (15) any Jewish Community Center, (16) ambassadors, ministers, foreign consuls, general consuls and vice consuls who are nationals of the country appointing them, and who are assigned to foreign consulates in this Commonwealth: Provided, That American consular officers of equal rank, who are citizens of the United States, and who exercise their official functions at American consulates in such foreign country, are granted reciprocal exemptions, (17) nonprofit corporations comprising musical marching groups of youths. No fee shall be charged for certificates of title or registration of one (1) motor vehicle owned and used by any veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or armed conflict in which it was engaged and who lost a limb or became totally blind in both eyes or became paralyzed as a result of such service. All such vehicles, or tractors, except those owned and used by the Federal Government, shall be titled and registered, and shall display registration plates as is now provided for privately owned motor vehicles, tractors, trailers and semi-trailers.

All vehicles titled and registered under the provisions of this subsection shall be operated and used exclusively for the purpose because of which payment of fees was not required.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this subsection, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.] *paid under this act by the Commonwealth, the Federal Government, any political subdivision, or another state, and no fee shall be charged for title or registration of:*

(1) *Any vehicle owned by a foreign national with the rank of vice consul or higher assigned to a consulate in this Commonwealth provided that citizens of the United States are granted reciprocal exemptions.*

(2) *Any vehicle owned by a volunteer fire, rescue or ambulance association.*

(3) *Any motor bus or motor omnibus owned by a mass transportation system.*

(b) *No registration fee shall be charged for vehicles owned by any of the following but the department shall charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the registration:*

(1) *Any person who is retired and receiving social security or other pension and whose total income does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) per year. Said person shall be the principal operator of the vehicle but may from time to time authorize another person to operate the vehicle in his or her stead. Only one (1) vehicle, weighing not more than nine thousand (9,000) pounds, may be registered to any person under this paragraph.*

(2) *Humane society.*

(3) *Nonprofit youth center.*

(4) *American Red Cross.*

(5) *Church.*

(6) *Girl Scouts of America.*

(7) *Boy Scouts of America.*

(8) *Salvation Army.*

(9) *Duly chartered posts of national veterans' organizations.*

(10) *Young Men's Christian Association.*

(11) *Young Men's Hebrew Association.*

(12) *Young Women's Christian Association.*

(13) *Young Women's Hebrew Association.*

(14) *Jewish Community Center.*

(15) *Nonprofit corporations of musical marching groups of youths.*

(16) *Veterans who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the armed forces of the United States during any period of war or armed conflict. Only one (1) vehicle, weighing not*

more than nine thousand (9,000) pounds, shall be registered for any veteran.

[(b)] (c) No fee shall be required when a certificate of title or assigned certificate of title is returned to the department for cancellation.

[(c)] (d) No fee shall be charged for replacement **[or substitution of registration card, registration plates, operator's license card, learner's permit card, or certificate of title, when satisfactory proof is furnished the secretary of loss of same in the mails.] of a registration, registration plate, operator's license, learner's permit or certificate of title lost in the mail if the applicant files an affidavit of non-receipt within forty-five (45) days of the date of original issuance.**

(d) No fee shall be charged for certified copies, or certified photostatic copies, of any department record furnished to Federal, state, county or municipal authorities.]

(e) No fee shall be charged for special hauling permits issued to **[the Commonwealth, any city, borough, incorporated town, township, county, county institution district or school district of this Commonwealth, or anyone entitled to exemption from fees under subsection (a) of this section, or to]** anyone hauling equipment or materials for use on a Federal or State emergency relief project.

(f) No fee shall be charged for transfer of registration for the succeeding year, when such transfer has been received and completed by the department prior to the first day of such succeeding registration year; provided, that when such transfer of registration for the succeeding year is made prior to the fifteenth day of the month preceding the beginning of the succeeding registration year, any difference in registration fees for the succeeding registration year and also a proportionate difference in registration fees for the current registration year shall be due, if the vehicle or tractor to which the registration plates are transferred is properly registered in a higher class.

(g) No fee shall be charged for a certificate of junk issued to any person.

(h) No fee shall be charged to a manufacturer, jobber or dealer for a certificate of title to a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer when assignment of certificate of title accompanies the application for certificate of title, and when the dealer, manufacturer or jobber is possessed of current manufacturer's, dealer's or jobber's registration plates.

(i) No fee shall be charged for inspection certificates issued to any official inspection station of, and when used on vehicles owned by and engaged exclusively in the performance of the official duties of, (1) the Federal Government, (2) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (3) any city, borough, incorporated town, township, county, county institution district or school district of this Commonwealth, or (4) any duly authorized volunteer fire force.

Section 24. Section 731 of the act, added August 14, 1963 (P.L.979, No.447), is amended to read:

Section 731. Special Permits for Movements of Contractors' Trailers.—The fee for a special permit authorizing the movement of a contractor's construction site trailer as provided in section 910 shall be [ten dollars (\$10.00)] *twenty dollars (\$20.00)* for each trip.

Section 25. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1309. Awarding Contracts for Equipment Leases.—(a) In awarding any contract for the leasing of equipment, the work shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder, with the option on the part of the secretary to reject any or all bids, if the prices named for equipment to be used are higher than the estimated cost, or for any other reason appearing to the secretary.

(b) Advertisement for proposals for the leasing of equipment shall be made by the secretary, at least three (3) weeks before the contract may be awarded, by public notices inserted at least twice in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the equipment is to be used and where the equipment is to be used in more than one (1) county, then in at least two (2) newspapers in at least two (2) of such counties. Such advertisements shall designate where the plans and specifications may be had, and the time and place of the reception of bids and letting of the leasing contract. The secretary may, at his discretion, insert the same advertisement in other newspapers or engineering periodicals.

(c) Every contract for the lease of equipment shall be made in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall be signed by the secretary, and shall be approved as to form and legality by the Department of Justice.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to equipment leasing agreements with local municipalities and/or other governmental agencies, including snow and ice control removal done under such agreements and emergency cases.

Section 26. Any additional revenues produced as a result of the increased fees provided for in this amendatory act shall be used exclusively for maintenance and reconstruction of highways. On or before June 30 of each year, the Secretary of Transportation shall annually report to the General Assembly how such additional funds were expended.

Section 27. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to registration years beginning on and after January 1, 1976.

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