

No. 1980-113

AN ACT

SB 68

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further regulating certain parking and providing for the issuance of parking placards, and further providing for title and registration fees for certain buses.

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

Section 1. Sections 1302(a)(8), 1334, 1338, 1342 and 1901(b)(1) of Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, section 1302(a)(8) amended July 20, 1979 (P.L.168, No.55), are amended to read:

§ 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

(a) General rule.—The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

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(8) Any self-propelled invalid wheel chair *or invalid motorized pedalcycle*.

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§ 1334. Return of registration plate.

(a) General rule.—Registration plates shall be returned to the department under the following circumstances:

(1) A registration plate shall be returned if the registrant no longer has a vehicle titled in this Commonwealth.

(2) A legislative registration plate shall be returned on the expiration or termination of the term of office of the legislative member.

(3) A dealer or "Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle Business" registration plate shall be returned if the business is discontinued.

(4) A handicapped registration plate shall be returned if the person to whom it was issued no longer qualifies under section 1338 (relating to handicapped plate *and placard*).

(b) Time for return of plate.—Each registration plate required to be returned under this section shall be returned to the department within five days of the occurrence requiring its return.

(c) Statement accompanying returned plate.—Each returned registration plate shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason for the return of the plate and the date of the occurrence requiring its return.

§ 1338. Handicapped plate *and placard*.

(a) *Handicapped plate*.—On the application of any person who:

(1) does not have full use of a leg or both legs or an arm or both arms;

(2) is blind; or

(3) is in loco parentis of a person specified in paragraph (1) or (2);

the department shall issue a special registration plate for one passenger car or other vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds, designating the vehicle so licensed as being used by a handicapped person. Special plates for handicapped persons may also be issued for vehicles operated exclusively for the use and benefit of handicapped persons.

(b) Handicapped parking placard.—*On the application of any person who meets the qualifications of subsection (a), the department shall issue one special parking placard of such size and design as the department shall specify, designating the vehicle in which it is displayed as being used for the transportation of a handicapped person. Such placard shall be prominently displayed on the right front dash of the vehicle when it is in use for the transportation of such person.*

§ 1342. Disabled veteran plate and placard.

(a) Disabled veteran plate.—*On the application of a totally disabled veteran, whose disability is certified by the United States Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a totally disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department may determine, and shall have the words, "disabled veteran," in at least ten-point bold type, inscribed in red at the bottom of the plate. The special registration plate may be used only on one passenger vehicle or one other vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.*

(b) Disabled veteran placard.—*On the application of any person who meets the qualifications of subsection (a), the department shall issue one special parking placard of such size and design as the department shall specify, designating the vehicle in which it is displayed as being used for the transportation of a disabled veteran. Such placard shall be prominently displayed on the right front dash of the vehicle when it is in use for the transportation of such disabled veteran.*

§ 1901. Exemption of entities and vehicles from fees.

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(b) Title and registration fees.—No fee shall be charged for titling or registration of any of the following:

(1) Buses registered by urban mass transportation systems [except that this paragraph shall cover only the number of buses which the department determines are required to provide scheduled service within the county in which they have their principal place of business or contiguous counties].

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Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 3354 of Title 75 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 3354. Additional parking regulations.

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(d) Handicapped persons and disabled veterans.—

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(3) Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing registration plates or parking placards issued to handicapped persons or disabled veterans, no person shall park a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a handicapped person or disabled veteran which property has been so posted in accordance with departmental regulations.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 11th day of July, A. D. 1980.

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