

No. 2006-117

AN ACT

HB 2498

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Gold Star Family registration plate.

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

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

§ 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

(a) General rule.—Upon application of a family member of a person who was killed while serving on active duty in the military, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the department shall require, the department shall issue to the family member a special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family member of a person who was killed while serving on active duty in the military. The department shall design and produce the special registration plate carrying the Service Flag Gold Star rimmed with blue which represents sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom. The words “Gold Star Family” shall be clearly displayed along the bottom of the plate. The special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 10,000 pounds.

(b) Documentation required.—An applicant for a Gold Star Family plate shall certify on a form approved by the department that the applicant is a family member of a person who was killed while serving on active duty in the military.

(c) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “family member” includes the following:

- (1) Widow.*
- (2) Widower.*
- (3) Mother.*
- (4) Father.*
- (5) Stepmother.*
- (6) Stepfather.*
- (7) Mother through adoption.*
- (8) Father through adoption.*
- (9) Foster mother in loco parentis.*
- (10) Foster father in loco parentis.*
- (11) Son.*
- (12) Daughter.*
- (13) Stepson.*

- (14) *Stepdaughter.***
- (15) *Son by adoption.***
- (16) *Daughter by adoption.***
- (17) *Brother.***
- (18) *Sister.***
- (19) *Half brother.***
- (20) *Half sister.***

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 4th day of October, A.D. 2006.

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