No. 239

AN ACT

HB 1723

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), 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," exempting certain nonprofit corporations from registration fees.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 729, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended October 22, 1971 (P.L.490), 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.

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APPROVED—The 18th day of October, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 239.

C. RE Laver Pucker

Secretary of the Commonwealth.