No. 9

AN ACT

SB 211

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," authorizing the use of certain motor vehicle registrations upon their receipt and requiring adjustment of the fees therefor in certain instances.

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 412, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to read:

Section 412. Transfer of Registration; Temporary Registration Cards.

(e) When a transfer of registration is made after a vehicle or tractor has been registered for the succeeding year, and the transfer application has been received and completed by the department prior to [April first] the beginning of such succeeding year, the transfer fee provided in this act shall not be required. Whenever such transfer of registration for the succeeding year is made prior to the fifteenth day of the month preceding the beginning of such registration year, the transfer application shall be accompanied by any difference in registration fees for the succeeding registration year and also a proportionate difference in registration fees for the current registration year, if the vehicle or tractor to which the registration plates are transferred is properly registered in a higher class.

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Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 415 and the second paragraph of subsection (a) of section 511 of the act, amended March 3, 1970 (P.L.88, No.39), are amended to read:

Section 415. Expiration of Registration.—

(d) Registrations shall also expire when suspended for cause by the secretary and, immediately, upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of the vehicle. Registration for the succeeding year may, in the case of renewals of current registrations, at the option of their holders, be used on receipt. In the case of new registrations for the succeeding year, such registrations may, at the option of their holders, be used on and after the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the beginning of such registration year.

Section 511. Expiration of Registration Plates.— (a) * * * Registration plates shall also expire when suspended for cause by the secretary. The registration plate or plates for a registration year may, in the case of renewals of current registrations, at the option of the owner, be used on receipt. In the case of new registrations, the registration plate or plates for a registration year may, at the option of the owner, be used on and after the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the beginning of such registration year.

Section 3. Subsection (f) of section 729 of the act is amended to read: Section 729. Exemptions from Fees.— * * *

(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.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 19th day of April, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 9.

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Secretary of the Commonwealth.