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Act 91

Act 91, signed into law on October 24, 2018, has amended multiple sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. The following changes are effective on February 21, 2019:

- **Historic Military Registration Plate.** Section 1340 of the Vehicle Code was amended to add Section (a.2) which creates a Historic Military Vehicle registration plate. These plates must follow the same transportation rules as other antique, classic, vintage or collectible registration plate as defined in Section 1340(b). Additionally, Section 1340 added subsection (c) defining a historic military vehicle as an antique or classic vehicle, including a trailer, that was manufactured for use in any country's military forces and is maintained to represent the vehicle's military design and markings accurately. To apply for this registration plate, customers must complete Form MV-11M, "Application for Permanent Historic Military Vehicle Registration Plate," and submit the application fee of \$75.
- **Special Organization Registration Plates.** Section 1341(c) of the Vehicle Code was amended to allow organizations with 2,000 or more registration plates to impose or collect initial or renewal fees for authorization to request or continue use of a special group's plate at the special group's discretion. In addition, organizations may use an abbreviation of the group name desired by the organization and as approved by the department. Also, Special Organization plates may be issued to motorcycles, provided the organization has an approved motorcycle design. Customers that wish to apply for a Special Organization registration plate should contact the organizational representative for the required form and applicable fees.
- **Distracted Driving Awareness Registration Plate.** Section 1358.2 of the Vehicle Code added a special fund registration plate for Distracted Driving Awareness. To apply for this registration plate, customers must complete Form MV-918, "Application for Distracted Driving Awareness Registration Plate." This registration plate will be available for a motorcycle and a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds or a motor home. The plate will cost \$40. The fee shall be used exclusively to advance public education and outreach on the dangers posed by distracted driving. The Vehicle Code section expires December 31, 2025.
- **Honoring Our Women Veterans Registration Plate.** Section 1364 of the Vehicle Code is amended by adding subsection (c) which created a new special fund registration plate for

Honoring Our Women Veterans. To apply for this registration plate, customer must complete Form MV-914, "Application for Honoring Our Veterans Registration Plate." The special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds and will cost \$35 of which \$15 will be paid to the Veterans Trust Fund and shall be used for programs and resources that assist women veterans.

- **Soldier's Medal Registration Plate.** Section 1368.1 of the Vehicle Code was added to include a new plate for Recipients of the Soldiers Medal. Applicants for this registration plate must submit Form MV-150, "Application for U.S. Military Service Registration Plate" and a legible photocopy of Form DD214, "Separation Papers or Discharge Papers," indicating the requested designation was awarded. This registration plate will be available for passenger cars or trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds and the fee will be \$20.
- **Veteran of an Allied Foreign Country Registration Plate.** Section 1369.3 of the Vehicle Code was added to include special plates for Veterans of an Allied Foreign Country. This registration plate is available for any person who was a citizen of a foreign country that allied with the United States in a military conflict and served in a military branch of that foreign country during the military conflict. Applicants for this registration plate must submit Form MV-150FA, "Application for Veterans of an Allied Foreign Country Registration Plate." This registration plate will be available for passenger cars or trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds and the fee will be \$20.
- **Title and Registration Fee Exemption Update.** Section 1901(b)(2) of the Vehicle Code was amended to add a title and registration fee exemption for volunteer EMS companies, volunteer ambulance services and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies that are a nonprofit chartered corporation, association or organization located in this commonwealth, that is licensed by the Department of Health. The exemption shall not include a corporation, association or organization that is primarily engaged in the operation of invalid coaches that are intended for the routine transport of persons who are convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require emergency medical treatment while in transit. An update to Form MV-14EV, "Application for Emergency Vehicle Registration Plate," has been made to reflect the changes in the law.
- **Fee for Local Use Annual Fee.** Section 1935(b) of the Vehicle Code was amended to make the Fee for Local Use an annual fee. The fee will be based on the number of years a customer wants to register their vehicle. Customers who register their vehicle for multiple years will pay the annual \$5 fee for every year of registration. This means a customer will pay a fee of \$10 for a two-year and \$25 for a five-year vehicle registration. The fee is collected by PennDOT at the time the vehicle is initially registered and when the registration is renewed. The annual fee will not be collected at the time a registration is transferred to another vehicle.

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