

# SUPPORT SENATE BILL 954 AND HOUSE BILL 1509

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION STICKERS

### TALKING POINTS

- PA has lost over **\$51 Million** in actual and projected vehicle registration revenue since registration stickers were eliminated by Act 89 on January 1, 2017;
- PA has suffered actual losses in registrations in 2 of the past 3 years while surrounding states (Ohio, NY, Maryland and VA) have seen growth during the same 3 years (and since 2010);
- The Transportation Funding Advisory Committee (TFAC) commissioned a Penn State University study which became the basis of Act 89 and predicted PennDOT would annually save \$1.3 Million by eliminating registration stickers;
- In lobbying for Act 89 PennDOT stated that the cost savings from would be used to create a program that would fund license plate readers for the State Police and local municipalities to identify unregistered vehicles;
- No license plate reader program was ever created. PennDOT diverted whatever cost savings possibly realized. In 2019 the State Police testified that they had 6 such readers in all vehicles statewide. Most local municipalities can not afford the \$18,000 per unit and do not have readers. Such readers are highly invasive to personal privacy. Under current law there is no way to know if a PA vehicle is properly registered;
- NJ and Connecticut are the only states in the nation that do not have stickers;
- Retail customers at DMV Service Centers and Title and Tag stores claim an overwhelming support for stickers as a visual aid for properly renewing their registrations—the sticker is owner/operator friendly;
- PennDOT is losing revenue on duplicate registrations due to the absence of stickers;
- On-line and mail registrations will NOT be eliminated by reissuing stickers. A temporary 10-day registration is provided on-line until PennDOT mails the permanent card and sticker and mail-in registrations will remain as currently managed;
- The issuance of temporary registration credentials will not change except for the mailing of the permanent sticker with the permanent registration card;

- Increasing numbers of unregistered PA vehicles leads to increasing numbers of uninsured vehicles and motorists—drivers know that there is no way to identify their vehicle as out-of-registration or uninsured;
- State Police are opposing stickers because they work for Governor Wolf and are funded by PennDOT (Motor License Fund). The PA State Trooper’s Association supports SB 954 and HB 1509;
- DMV centers and Title and Tag stores could print stickers as needed, reducing wasted inventory costs, but PennDOT is unwilling to institute such practical retail delivery efficiencies. PennDOT’s exaggerated prediction of start-up costs to issue stickers are primarily for storing 18 months-worth of inventory—whether such is ever used. Printing stickers as needed is a cost savings policy;

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