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RE: HB 334

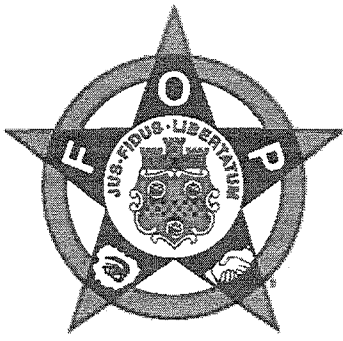
Dear Representative Jozwiak:

The PDAA supports your legislation, HB 334, legislation to require that registration stickers be placed on license plates. Stickers help show whether a car is properly registered, inspected, and insured. Streamlining the entire process in the manner set forth in your legislation makes sense both as a matter of public safety and as a matter of operational efficiency. Our police have rightly pointed out that having stickers provides a clear reason to conduct a traffic stop, if the sticker is expired. In doing so, the legislation will ensure that vehicles on the road are legally registered. Unfortunately, we have not seen any meaningful use of the e-plate readers, which were supposed to automatically detect plates with their registration status.

Restoring the requirement of using registration stickers, therefore, makes good sense.

Sincerely,

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June 8, 2022

Senator Kim Ward
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RE: HB 334 PN 308 - Vehicle Registration Stickers

Dear Senator Ward:

On behalf of over 40,000 active and retired Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officers, the Fraternal Order of Police, Pennsylvania State Lodge, asks for your support of a bill that will re-institute that the registration sticker be placed on a vehicle's license plate.

Act 77 eliminated the registration stickers placed on a vehicle's license plate, a measure that was expected to be a cost saving initiative. Unfortunately, law enforcement was left without a significant tool previously used to visually identify and stop unregistered vehicles. Due to the decrease in enforcement capability, PennDOT has seen a dramatic reduction in registration revenue. In 2017, PennDOT saw a \$22 million reduction in registration revenue, \$11 million in 2018, and \$18 million in 2019, for a total reduction of approximately \$51 million in the fees collected for both new and renewal vehicle registrations. These numbers are only for the passenger car category vehicles. Many PA vehicles are simply not registered because there is no way for law enforcement to quickly identify a valid registration without manually entering the plate number on a patrol car computer. "Eplate" readers, capable of automatically detecting plates and their registration status, which were contemplated at the time, never materialized.

Law enforcement officers are authorized to run any registration at any time to verify its validity, regardless of the presence of stickers. However, having the sticker provides for a clear and indisputable reason to conduct a traffic stop, should the sticker be expired. This tool has been invaluable in court when defendants seek to mischaracterize an officer's rationale for initiating a traffic stop.

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Pennsylvania drivers traveling in other states have encountered local law enforcement who became confused by missing or expired stickers. Pennsylvania vehicle owners also complain that they have missed their renewal date without the visual reminder displayed on their registration plate.

Passage of this bill will go a long way to assure only legally registered and insured vehicles will be on the roads of Pennsylvania, since proof of insurance is required at the time of registration renewal. It will also help restore lost revenue to the Commonwealth.

HB 334 PN 308 is fully supported by the FOP Pennsylvania State Lodge. Thank you for your continued support of Pennsylvania's law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,



Joseph Regan, Chairman
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