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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 24, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 person with disability plate and placard; in fees, further
4 providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles
5 from fees; and, in powers of department and local
6 authorities, further providing for specific powers of
7 department and local authorities.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1338(c)(4) of Title 75 of the
11 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is
12 amended by adding subsections to read:

13 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.

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15 (c) Health care provider's statement.--

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17 (4) The department shall phase out existing
18 [handicapped] person with disability placards as soon as
19 practicable and issue a new series to persons who comply with

1 this section.

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3 (c.3) Online application or renewal of person with <--
4 disability placard.--The department shall, within one year of
5 the effective date of this subsection, allow for the initial <--
6 application or renewal of a person with disability placard
7 electronically through the department's publicly accessible
8 Internet website. Upon completion of an electronic person with
9 disability placard transaction, the department shall provide the
10 applicant with a printable temporary person with disability
11 placard to display on the dashboard of the individual's vehicle. <--
12 The temporary person with disability placard shall be valid for
13 30 days or until the applicant receives a person with disability
14 placard in the mail, whichever occurs first IN ACCORDANCE WITH <--
15 FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

16 (c.4) Placard issuance by authorized organizations.--The
17 department shall authorize organizations to issue a TEMPORARY <--
18 person with disability placard in accordance with the following:

19 (1) Upon INITIAL OR RENEWAL application by an individual <--
20 under subsection (c.3), a TEMPORARY person with disability <--
21 placard may be issued. The department shall prescribe the
22 form of the application. The application must include a
23 statement signed by the individual asserting that the
24 individual meets the qualifications of subsection (a).

25 (2) The authorized organization may electronically
26 submit the application information to the department. A
27 statement from a health care provider or police officer that
28 the individual is disabled in accordance with subsection (c)
29 shall be included.

30 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, an authorized

1 organization shall be a nonprofit, not-for-profit or private
2 business authorized as an Online Messenger with the
3 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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5 Section 2. Sections 1901(c)(21) and 6109(g)(5), (h)(3) and
6 (i)(3) of Title 75 are amended to read:

7 § 1901. Exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

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9 (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.--No
10 registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any
11 of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to
12 cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the
13 registration:

14 * * *

15 (21) Nonprofit organizations which principally serve
16 mentally or physically [handicapped or] disabled persons.

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18 § 6109. Specific powers of department and local authorities.

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20 (g) Delegation of powers in cities of the first class.--

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22 (5) As used in this subsection, the following words and
23 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
24 paragraph:

25 "Administer." To provide any services or materials
26 necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in
27 order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or
28 parking of motor vehicles in a city of the first class or
29 those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions
30 provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354, including, but not

1 limited to:

2 (i) The installation and maintenance of all
3 equipment, including parking meters, on and along
4 highways, streets and roadways.

5 (ii) The installation and maintenance of all
6 signage, including signage for [handicapped] person with
7 disability parking, residential permit parking and
8 loading areas, on and along highways, streets and
9 roadways.

10 (iii) The operation and management of any
11 [handicapped] person with disability parking, residential
12 parking and loading area permit programs.

13 "Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or
14 citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of
15 motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties, costs
16 and fees, including independent collection agency fees, for
17 violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to
18 regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of
19 motor vehicles in a city of the first class and those certain
20 stopping, standing and parking provisions provided in this
21 section and sections 3351, 3353 and 3354.

22 (h) Delegation of powers in cities of the second class.--

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24 (3) As used in this subsection, the following words and
25 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
26 paragraph:

27 "Administer." To provide any services or materials
28 necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in
29 order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or
30 parking of motor vehicles in a city of the second class or

1 those certain stopping, standing and parking provisions
2 provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354, including, but not
3 limited to:

4 (i) The installation and maintenance of all
5 equipment, including parking meters, on and along
6 highways, streets and roadways.

7 (ii) The installation and maintenance of all
8 signage, including signage for [handicapped] person with
9 disability parking, residential permit parking and
10 loading areas, on and along highways, streets and
11 roadways.

12 (iii) The operation and management of any
13 [handicapped] person with disability parking, residential
14 parking and loading area permit programs.

15 (iv) The adjudication of all disputed parking
16 violation notices or citations issued through enforcement
17 by the parking authority in a city of the second class.

18 "Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or
19 citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of
20 motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties and
21 costs, including independent collection agency fees, for
22 violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to
23 regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of
24 motor vehicles in a city of the second class and those
25 certain stopping, standing and parking provisions provided in
26 sections 3351, 3353 and 3354.

27 (i) Delegation of powers in cities of the second class A and
28 third class.--

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30 (3) As used in this subsection, the following words and

1 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
2 paragraph:

3 "Administer." To provide any services or materials
4 necessary to enforce any ordinance or resolution enacted in
5 order to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or
6 parking of motor vehicles in a city of the second class A or
7 city of the third class or those certain stopping, standing
8 and parking provisions provided in sections 3351, 3353 and
9 3354, including, but not limited to:

10 (i) The installation and maintenance of all
11 equipment, including parking meters, on and along
12 highways, streets and roadways.

13 (ii) The installation and maintenance of all
14 signage, including signage for [~~handicapped~~] person with
15 disability parking, residential permit parking and
16 loading areas, on and along highways, streets and
17 roadways.

18 (iii) The operation and management of any
19 [~~handicapped~~] person with disability parking, residential
20 parking and loading area permit programs.

21 (iv) The adjudication of all disputed parking
22 violation notices or citations issued through enforcement
23 by the parking authority in a city of the second class A
24 or city of the third class.

25 "Enforce." The issuance of parking violation notices or
26 citations, the immobilization, towing and impoundment of
27 motor vehicles and the collection of fines, penalties and
28 costs, including independent collection agency fees, for
29 violations of any ordinance or resolution enacted in order to
30 regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing or parking of

1 motor vehicles in a city of the second class A and city of
2 the third class and those certain stopping, standing and
3 parking provisions provided in sections 3351, 3353 and 3354.

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5 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.