

## No. 192

## AN ACT

## HB 77

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," directing the issuance of special registration plates exempt from all registration fees to certain disabled veterans; exempting motor vehicles bearing such plates from certain parking restrictions for limited times; and prescribing penalties.

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

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

**Section 501.4. Special Plates for Disabled Veterans.**—(a) *On the application of a disabled veteran, whose disability is certified by the United States Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department may determine, and shall have the words, "disabled veteran," in at least ten-point bold type, inscribed in red at the bottom of the plate.*

(b) *No fee shall be charged for titling and registration of a vehicle of a veteran whose disability is certified by the United States Veterans' Administration as total and service-connected.*

(c) *No registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by a disabled veteran who lost a limb, eye, or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, but the department shall charge a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the registration.*

(d) *No fee, other than the regular fee for annual registration, shall be charged all other disabled veterans.*

(e) *Only one passenger vehicle or one other vehicle with a gross weight or registered gross weight of not more than nine thousand (9,000) pounds may be registered to any person under the provisions of this section.*

**Penalty.**—*Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a summary offense.*

Section 2. Clause (15) of section 1021 of the act, amended November 10, 1965 (P.L.839, No.353), is amended to read:

Section 1021. Parking Prohibited in Specified Places.—No person shall park a vehicle or tractor, or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway or in any of the following places:

\* \* \*

(15) Except for disabled vehicles on a medial or dividing strip or plot separating divided highways, which disabled vehicles may remain there for a period of thirty six (36) hours, after which said vehicle shall be deemed to have been abandoned and peace officers shall have authority to remove it and place it in storage.

A further exception shall be made when a person operating a motor vehicle bearing plates issued to a handicapped person as prescribed in section 501.1 of this act *or to a disabled veteran as prescribed in section 501.4 of this act* and which motor vehicle is being operated by or for the benefit of such handicapped person *or disabled veteran* shall be relieved of any liability with respect to parking for a period of [~~ninety~~] *sixty* minutes in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities except where local ordinances or police regulations prohibit parking on any highway for the purpose of creating a fire lane or where said ordinances or police regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning, afternoon or evening hours or where such motor vehicle is parked in such a manner as to clearly be a traffic hazard.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of [~~not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than ten dollars (\$10.00)] *fifteen dollars (\$15.00)* and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.~~

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1976.

MILTON J. SHAPP