No. 1982-197

AN ACT

SB 674

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, exempting certain ex-prisoners of war and Congressional Medal of Honor winners from assessment of registration fees, and providing for special license plates for recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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

Section 1. Title 75, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 1345. Special plates for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the department shall issue to such person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Medal of Honor. The plate shall have a light blue background interspersed with 13 white stars. The center of the plate shall bear a golden bronze replica of the appropriate medal. The initials of each recipient shall be embossed in red to the left of the medal and the letters "CMH" (for Congressional Medal of Honor) shall be embossed in red to the right of the medal.

Section 2. Section 1901(c) of Title 75 is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

- § 1901. Exemption of entities and vehicles from fees.
- (c) Processing fee in lieu of registration fee.—No registration fee shall be charged for vehicles registered by any of the following but the department shall charge a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of processing for issuing or renewing the registration:
 - (18) A person who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States, was captured by the enemy during World War I, World War II, the Korean Emergency, the Vietnam Conflict or in a future armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal.
 - (19) Any person who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of November, A. D. 1982.

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