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## ACT 67 - HIGHLIGHTS THAT TOOK EFFECT FEB. 16, 2008

- ❖ **Section 1307(a)(1) - Seasonal Registration** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1338(a)(9) - Persons with Disability Plate and Placard** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1341 - Special Registration Plates Generally** - language has been added to this section to set the gross vehicle weight limit for special registration plate qualifying vehicles (passenger car or truck only) up to 10,000 pounds.
- ❖ **Section 1342(a), Section 1342(c) and Section 1342(d) - Veteran Plates and Placards** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1346 - Purple Heart Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1348 - Pearl Harbor Survivors** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1350 - Veterans of Korean War** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1351 - Veterans of Persian Gulf** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1352 - Wild Resources Conservation Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1353 - Preserve Our Heritage Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1354 - Flagship Niagara Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1355 - Pennsylvania Zoological Council Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1356 - Expeditionary Forces Medal Registration Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1357 - World War II Registration Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1358 - DARE Registration Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.

**ACT 67 - HIGHLIGHTS THAT TOOK EFFECT  
FEB. 16, 2008  
(CONTINUED)**

- ❖ **Section 1359 - Steelworkers Registration Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1360 - Vietnam Conflict Registration Plate** - a gross vehicle weight limit increase for qualifying vehicles from 9,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.
- ❖ **Section 1362 - Operation Iraqi Freedom Registration Plate** - language has been added to this section to set the gross vehicle weight limit for special registration plate qualifying vehicles (passenger car or truck only) up to 10,000 pounds.
- ❖ **Section 1363 - Operation Enduring Freedom Registration Plate** - language has been added to this section to set the gross vehicle weight limit for special registration plate qualifying vehicles (passenger car or truck only) up to 10,000 pounds.
- ❖ **Section 1364 - Special Veteran Registration Plate** - language has been added to this section to set the gross vehicle weight limit for special registration plate qualifying vehicles (passenger car or truck only) up to 10,000 pounds.

**ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION  
REMINDER**

As you are aware, in January 2006, the Department changed its policy regarding acceptable proof of identification when titling and registering a vehicle in Pennsylvania.

It has recently come to our attention that **non-government** (fraudulent) issued driver's licenses and identification cards are being accepted as a form of identification. Acceptance of these types of identification could result in termination of your agent service contract.

Enclosed with this bulletin is a fact sheet entitled "Updated Features to the Pennsylvania Driver's License and Photo ID Card" which shows examples of valid Pennsylvania driver's licenses and photo identification cards.

Please remember that it is the agent's responsibility to identify the person in front of them and to ensure the proof of identification presented is one of the valid forms of identification acceptable for issuing title and registration. A copy of the acceptable form of identification must be kept on file with the application for title and registration for a period of three (3) years.

Should you have any questions regarding the validity of a driver's license or photo identification card, please contact the Office of Risk Management, at (717) 705-9913, for assistance prior to issuing a product.

**ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION AS PROOF  
OF SALES TAX PAID TO A RECIPROCAL  
STATE CLARIFICATION**

This is clarification of the acceptable documentation of the proof of sales tax paid to a reciprocal state when a resident moves to the commonwealth and applies for Pennsylvania title and registration:

1. An affidavit from the applicant indicating sales tax was paid on the vehicle. The affidavit must contain the VIN of the vehicle being titled and must be submitted with a copy of the applicant's cancelled check indicating sales tax paid to the previous jurisdiction, **and** either a photocopy of the bill of sale or a notarized affidavit from the previous dealership indicating the amount of sales tax paid.
2. Written documentation from the previous title/registration jurisdiction.
3. Copy of the applicant's out-of-state registration card (provided they are reciprocal with Pennsylvania). If sales tax is not printed on the registration card, verification from the previous title jurisdiction, indicating registration is not issued until sales tax is paid, would be required.
4. The out-of-state certificate of title showing the amount of sales tax paid (provided they are reciprocal with Pennsylvania).
5. An affidavit from the out-of-state dealership indicating the amount of sales tax paid.

If no proof that sales tax was paid is available, or the sales tax was paid in a non-reciprocal state, sales tax must be paid on the current fair market value of the vehicle.

## ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION AS PROOF OF SALES TAX PAID TO A RECIPROCAL STATE CLARIFICATION

Issuing agents are required to have a paper title in their possession in order to complete the title applications. If an electronic title was issued, the lienholder must convert it to paper. If the date printed on the out-of-state title is not a reflection of the date the applicant actually purchased the vehicle, the agent would be unable to use the out-of-state title as proof of ownership of the vehicle for more or less than six (6) months. The applicant would need to provide additional documentation to show the date the vehicle was purchased so the issuing agent is able to determine if sales tax is due on the transaction. If sales tax is due on the transaction, the applicant would be required to submit one of the other acceptable proofs of sales tax paid as listed at the beginning of this section.

## TRUCK VS. STATION WAGON CLARIFICATION

This is intended to clarify titling procedures related to vehicles with an open cargo bed.

Vehicle manufacturers have been producing multi-purpose vehicles with external or open cargo beds for many years. The different manufacturers have not been consistent in how the body type is entered on the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO). Some MSOs list these vehicles as a pickup, some as a truck, some as a UT, MUV, SUT and other body type variations. Other states and jurisdictions also title these vehicles with a variety of body types. PennDOT classifies a vehicle manufactured with an external cargo bed as a truck and requires it to be titled as such, regardless of the number of doors, seating capacity of the vehicle, type of chassis or suspension, size of the cargo bed or type of bed covering. Agent services that complete title applications must be sure to properly identify these vehicles and enter body type as truck when completing Forms MV-1 and MV-4ST. Vehicles manufactured with an external cargo bed must be titled and registered as a truck.

When assignments are completed on a certificate of title that does not indicate truck (TK) as body type, the application must include Form MV-41 to change the body type to truck. In addition to verification of the open cargo bed, the application will also require verification of the truck's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and Unladen Weight.

## UPDATED BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE FORMS

The following forms have been created or revised and have been updated on PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services Website: [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us)

**Form MV-951** has been revised and now has an edition date of 11-07

**Forms MV-14EV and MV-700** have been revised and now have an edition date of 12-07.

**Forms MV-16, MV-140SV, MV-145, MV-145A, MV-145V, MV-150** have been revised and now have an edition date of 2-08.

**Form FA-160** has been revised and now has an edition date of 2-08.