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SPECIAL EDITION

Act 89, which became law on November 25, 2013, amends many sections of Title 75 **effective January 1, 2015**. Act 89 represents an investment in Pennsylvania's future: increasing public safety, driving commerce, creating jobs and providing reliable funding for our transportation needs without leaving the bill to our future generations.

ACT 89 RESTORATION FEE

Effective January 1, 2015, the Act amended Section 1960 adjusting the fee for restoring a person's operating privilege or the registration of a vehicle following a suspension or revocation from \$50 to \$88.

ACT 89 CIVIL PENALTY

Effective January 1, 2015, registrants have the option to pay a civil penalty in lieu of serving a three month vehicle registration suspension. The optional civil penalty fee is \$500. Additionally, the vehicle owner is required to pay a restoration fee in the amount of \$88. Registrants may opt for the civil penalty in lieu of suspension no more than once in a 12-month period per vehicle. Payment of the civil penalty, along with the restoration fee and proof of current insurance, will allow registrants to maintain registration on their vehicle without the requirement to return the registration plate to PennDOT to serve a three month registration suspension.

Registrants who choose to pay the civil penalty, may visit PennDOT's website at www.dmv.state.pa.us and click the link "Pay Civil Penalty" and complete required steps or they may complete Form MV-222, "Application for Payment of Civil Penalty in Lieu of

Registration Suspension," and submit with proof of insurance and a certified check or money order payable to the PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$588 (which includes their restoration fee).

ACT 89 FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Effective January 1, 2015, the following fee-related Sections of Title 75 have been amended:

- Section 1920 (c)(2) adds – a permanent trailer registration may be transferred to another trailer one time upon payment of the required \$9 fee for transfer of registration.
- Section 1932 adjusts the fee for duplicate registration cards at time of vehicle registration, transfer or renewal or at the time of replacement of registration plate from \$1.50 to \$2; for a duplicate registration card any other time, the fee has been adjusted from \$4.50 to \$6.
- Section 1959 related to Messenger Services
 - (a) Annual Registration - adjusts the fee for the annual registration of a messenger service from \$50 to \$192.
 - (b) Additional Place of Business - adjusts the fee for an additional place of business or branch office from which a messenger may transact business from \$25 to \$95.
 - (c) Transfer of Location - adjusts the fee for the transfer of location of a registered place of business or branch office of a messenger service from \$5 to \$19.
- Section 1961 adjusts the fee for processing a secure power of attorney submitted for the purpose of odometer disclosure when not

accompanied by an application for certificate of title from \$15 to \$23.

ACT 89 RETURN CHECKS

Effective January 1, 2015, whenever any check issued in payment of any fee or for any other purpose is returned to PennDOT as uncollectible, PennDOT shall charge the person presenting the check a fee for each driver's license, registration, replacement of tags, transfer of registration, certificate of title, whether original or duplicate, and each other unit of issue by PennDOT, to cover the cost of collection. This fee has changed from \$30 (\$10 per product plus a \$20 base fee per Administrative Code) to \$58 or more (\$38 per product plus a \$20 base fee per Administrative Code).

The notice the customer receives in the mail will list the appropriate fee to be paid to resolve the uncollectible check.

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