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Reminder: Act 89 – Fee for Local Use – Blair County Fee Effective May 1, 2015, for Initial Registrations

As you know, beginning January 1, 2015, a county may pass an ordinance to implement a Fee for Local Use of \$5 for each vehicle registered to an address located in that county. The \$5 county fee is collected by PennDOT at the time a vehicle is registered or when registration is renewed. These funds will be used by the county for transportation purposes or be allocated by the county in accordance with Section 9010 (c) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. This \$5 county fee is in addition to the registration fee.

As a reminder, Blair County has passed an ordinance to implement the \$5 fee effective May 1, 2015. When processing applications for initial registrations beginning May 1, 2015, the \$5 county fee is required for vehicles registered in Blair County. Additionally, when renewing registrations with a May 2015 or later expiration date, the \$5 county fee is required for vehicles registered to an address in Blair County.

PennDOT continues to maintain a list of participating counties on the fact sheet, "Fee for Local Use – Participating Counties." This fact sheet is available on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov. Agents must check the fact sheet each time they complete Forms MV-1, MV-4ST, MV-120, or MV-140 for a customer requesting issuance or renewal of registration for any vehicle to verify if the customer's county of residence is participating in the "Fee for Local Use." If the county is participating, the agent must enter the \$5 county fee in the appropriate section of the form.

Act 154 and Act 177 – Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV)

Effective May 1, 2015, Act 154 and Act 177 amend Title 75 by adding a subchapter for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV).

A NEV is defined as: A four-wheeled electric vehicle that has a maximum design speed of not less than 20 miles per hour and of not more than 25 miles per hour and that complies with the Federal safety standards established in 49 CFR 571.500.

A NEV shall be considered a passenger car for the purpose of titling and registration. When issuing a Pennsylvania Certificate of Title for a NEV, the new body type of NEV must be used. A standard issue registration plate is used for NEVs. The NEV body type should not be used for any other type of low speed vehicle. The Off Road Vehicle (ORV) body type is still to be used for all other low speed vehicles.

In addition, an NEV is required to be covered by financial responsibility and must be maintained in proper condition and comply with the equipment requirements and standards as set forth in 49CFR 571.500 to be operated upon any highway or roadway.

For more information about NEVs, please see the NEV fact sheet found on our website at www.dmv.pa.gov.

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