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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 111

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend §2131, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 2131. Effect and duration of temporary registration plates; destruction upon ~~expiration~~expiration; use of
4 temporary tag system.

5 (a) (1) A temporary registration plate properly issued to an owner or purchaser of a vehicle in accordance with §
6 2129 or § 2130 of this title shall be valid and shall entitle said owner or purchaser to operate the vehicle for which issued
7 upon the public highways for a period of 60 days from the date of issuance or until the issuance of a permanent registration
8 plate or until the cancellation or rescission of the contract of purchase, whichever occurs first.

9 (2) A temporary registration plate properly issued by a certified repair technician to a customer's expired
10 vehicle for the purpose of verifying repairs in accordance with § 2129 or § 2130 of this title shall be valid and shall
11 entitle said certified repair technician to operate the vehicle for which issued upon the public highways for a period of
12 not more than ~~60~~ 90 days from the date of issuance.

13 (b) Upon the expiration of a temporary registration plate the holder thereof shall immediately destroy the same.

14 (c) A temporary registration plate properly issued to an owner or purchaser of a vehicle under §2129 or §2130 of
15 this title must use a temporary tag system, approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles, unless the Division of Motor
16 Vehicles has determined that a motor vehicle dealer or other authorized temporary tag issuer is not permitted to use the
17 temporary tag system, and must purchase plates from the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to §2129(b) of this title.

18 Section 2. The Division of Motor Vehicles may promulgate rules and regulations to implement and administer this
19 Act.

20 Section 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect 60 days following its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases the length of time for a valid temporary tag from 60 days to 90 days. This Act also adds a new provision requiring temporary tags be issued through a temporary tag system, approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles, to further reduce fraud in the issuance of temporary tags, unless the Division of Motor Vehicles determines the temporary tag issuer must continue using temporary registration plates.