AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an identification system and database.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

8 § 1521. Identification system and database.

9 (a) Establishment of system.--The department shall establish an identification system and database based on the print of the thumb or finger of an applicant, or some other biometric identification. Under the system, the print shall be cross-referenced with all other fingerprints or other biometric identification data in the database in order to authenticate the print and to ensure that each individual is issued only one
driver's license and that an individual is not fraudulently
obtaining a driver's license in another individual's name.

(b) Date of implementation.--The identification system and
database established under this section shall be fully
operational in all department offices by January 1, 2004.

(c) Office of Attorney General.--The identification system
and database established under this section shall be
implemented, administered and maintained by the Office of
Attorney General.

(d) Use of system.--The identification system and database
established under this section shall not be used by the
department or the Office of Attorney General for any purpose
other than the purposes set forth in this section, nor shall the
information be provided to any third party for any other use.

§ 1522. Application instructions.

(a) Instructions.--Every instruction to an application for
an original or a renewal of a driver's license or for an
application for a nondriver identification card shall contain a
statement informing the applicant that $3 of the application fee
is being used to fund the identification system and database
established under section 1521 (relating to identification
system and database).

(b) Repeal.--This section shall remain in effect only until
January 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later
enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes
or extends that date.

§ 1523. Fees.

(a) Fee to accompany applications.--Every application for a
driver's license, junior driver's license, learner's permit or
nondriver identification card shall include an additional fee of
§ 3. This fee, after deducting the department's costs in administering this section, shall be deposited in the Consumer Protection and Antifraud Account, which is hereby established in the State Treasury, to be used by the department and the Office of Attorney General, upon appropriation by the General Assembly, to fund the identification system and database established under section 1521 (relating to identification system and database).

(b) Repeal.--This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date.

§ 1524. Report.

The department shall prepare and submit a report for review by the Transportation Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives, no later than one year after the effective date of this section, that includes details of the expenditure plan utilized by the department to identify and implement an identification system and database to accurately identify individuals applying for original, renewal or replacement drivers' licenses or identification cards in order to minimize identity theft involving the unlawful use of information contained in those licenses and cards.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.