



In photo, from left: State Reps. Charles Postles, William Carson & Dave Wilson; Stan Vonasek, President of the DE Equine Council; Wayne Nebel, Treasurer of the DE Equine Council; State Rep. Bobby Outten; and State Sen. Dave Lawson.

NEWS:

New Law to Help Raise Funds for Worthy Causes

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 – A [new state law](#) should increase private funding for causes ranging from farmland preservation to protecting animal welfare.

Recently signed into law during a ceremony at the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, the legislation expands the use of so-called "background license plates." The specialty tags promote animal welfare, farmland preservation, the Marine Education Research and Rehabilitation Institute, the Delaware Equine Council, and Keep Delaware Beautiful.

Under the revised statute, such plates can now be used on trailers up to 26,000 pounds. The change also increases the size of trucks that can display the plates from 10,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight rating) to 26,000 pounds.

Vehicle owners purchasing background plates voluntarily pay a higher fee. Some of the proceeds are dedicated to supporting the causes and groups promoted by the tags.

The prime sponsor of the bill, [State Rep. Dave Wilson, R-Cedar Creek Hundred](#), says the expanded use of the plates on trailers and larger vehicles will generate more money

for worthy causes benefiting the public, without spending any additional tax dollars.

The bill was approved by the legislature without a dissenting vote. State Reps. Bobby Outten, R-Harrington; Ron Gray, R-Selbyville; Danny Short, R-Seaford; Ruth Briggs King, R-Georgetown; Rich Collins, R-Millsboro; Harvey Kenton, R-Milford; Charles Postles, R-Milford; William Carson, D-Smyrna, and Steve Smyk, R-Lewes-Milton, co-sponsored the bill in the House.