

H. B. 2117

(By Delegate Perry)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Roads and Transportation then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia,
1931, as amended, relating to exempting nonprofit
organizations from paying an annual motor vehicle registration
fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17A-10-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. FEES FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING, ETC.

§17A-10-8. Vehicles exempt from payment of registration fees.

The following specified vehicles ~~shall be~~ are exempt from the
payment of any registration fees:

(1) Any vehicle owned or operated by the United States
government, the State of West Virginia or any of their political
subdivisions. The proper representative of the United States

1 government, the State of West Virginia or any of their political
2 subdivisions shall make an application for registration for the
3 vehicle and the registration plate or plates issued for the vehicle
4 shall be displayed as provided in this chapter;

5 (2) Any fire vehicle owned or operated by a volunteer fire
6 department organized for the protection of community property;

7 (3) Any ambulance or any other emergency rescue vehicle owned
8 or operated by a nonprofit, charitable organization and used
9 exclusively for charitable purposes;

10 (4) Any motor vehicle owned by a nonprofit or charitable
11 organization used exclusively by the organization for carrying out
12 its charitable, educational or other social goals and purposes;

13 ~~(4)~~ (5) Any vehicle owned by a disabled veteran as defined by
14 the provisions of Public Law 663 of the 79th Congress of the United
15 States, or Public Law 187 of the 82nd Congress of the United
16 States, or Public Law 77 of the 90th Congress of the United States;
17 except for vehicles used for hire which are owned by disabled
18 veterans;

19 ~~(5)~~ (6) Not more than one vehicle owned by a veteran with a
20 hundred percent total and permanent service-connected disability as
21 certified by the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs of
22 West Virginia and not used for commercial purposes;

23 ~~(6)~~ (7) Not more than one Class A or Class G vehicle, as
24 defined in section one of this article, owned by a former prisoner

1 of war and not used for commercial purposes. For purposes of this
2 subdivision, the term "prisoner of war" means any member of the
3 Armed Forces of the United States, including the United States
4 Coast Guard and National Guard, who was held by any hostile force
5 with which the United States was actually engaged in armed conflict
6 during any period of the incarceration; or any person, military or
7 civilian, assigned to duty on the U.S.S. Pueblo who was captured by
8 the military forces of North Korea on January 23, 1968, and
9 thereafter held prisoner; except any person who, at any time,
10 voluntarily, knowingly and without duress, gave aid to or
11 collaborated with or in any manner served any such hostile force;
12 ~~(7)~~ (8) Not more than one Class A or Class G vehicle, as
13 defined in section one of this article, owned by a recipient of the
14 Congressional Medal of Honor and not used for commercial purposes;
15 and
16 ~~(8)~~ (9) Vehicles registered in the name of community action
17 agencies and used exclusively for a Head Start program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt nonprofit organizations from paying an annual motor vehicle registration fee for vehicles used exclusively to carry out its goals and purposes.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.