

1 **nonrenewal.**

2 (a) The division upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the
3 owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer
4 or other motor vehicle.

5 (b) Registration plates issued by the division shall meet the
6 following requirements:

7 (1) Every registration plate shall be of reflectorized
8 material and have displayed upon it the registration number
9 assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued; the name of this
10 state, which may be abbreviated; and the year number for which it
11 is issued or the date of expiration of the plate.

12 (2) Every registration plate and the required letters and
13 numerals on the plate shall be of sufficient size to be plainly
14 readable from a distance of one hundred feet during daylight:
15 *Provided*, That the requirements of this subdivision shall not apply
16 to the year number for which the plate is issued or the date of
17 expiration.

18 (3) Registration numbering for registration plates shall begin
19 with number two.

20 (c) The division may not issue, permit to be issued or
21 distribute any special registration plates except as follows:

22 (1) The Governor shall be issued two registration plates, on
23 one of which shall be imprinted the numeral one and on the other
24 the word one.

1 (2) State officials and judges may be issued special
2 registration plates as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
4 the Secretary of State, State Superintendent of Schools, Auditor,
5 Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and the Attorney General,
6 the members of both houses of the Legislature, including the
7 elected officials of both houses of the Legislature, the justices
8 of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the
9 representatives and senators of the state in the Congress of the
10 United States, the judges of the West Virginia circuit courts,
11 active and retired on senior status, the judges of the United
12 States district courts for the State of West Virginia and the
13 judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the fourth
14 circuit, if any of the judges are residents of West Virginia, a
15 special registration plate for a Class A motor vehicle and a
16 special registration plate for a Class G motorcycle owned by the
17 official or his or her spouse: *Provided*, That the division may
18 issue a Class A special registration plate for each vehicle titled
19 to the official and a Class G special registration plate for each
20 motorcycle titled to the official.

21 (B) Each plate issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear
22 any combination of letters and numbers not to exceed an amount
23 determined by the commissioner and a designation of the office.
24 Each plate shall supersede the regular numbered plate assigned to

1 the official or his or her spouse during the official's term of
2 office and while the motor vehicle is owned by the official or his
3 or her spouse.

4 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for every
5 registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision, which is in
6 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

7 (3) The division may issue members of the National Guard
8 forces special registration plates as follows:

9 (A) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the
10 division and receipt of written evidence from the chief executive
11 officer of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, as
12 appropriate, or the commanding officer of any United States Armed
13 Forces reserve unit that the applicant is a member thereof, the
14 division shall issue to any member of the National Guard of this
15 state or a member of any reserve unit of the United States Armed
16 Forces a special registration plate designed by the commissioner
17 for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned by the member. Upon
18 presentation of written evidence of retirement status, retired
19 members of this state's Army or Air National Guard, or retired
20 members of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces, are
21 eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant
22 to this subdivision.

23 (B) The division shall charge an initial application fee of
24 \$10 for each special registration plate issued pursuant to this

1 subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by
2 this chapter. Except as otherwise provided herein, effective July
3 1, 2007, all fees currently held in the special revolving fund used
4 in the administration of this section and all fees collected by the
5 division shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

6 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
7 spouse's National Guard forces license plate until the surviving
8 spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

9 (4) Specially arranged registration plates may be issued as
10 follows:

11 (A) Upon appropriate application, any owner of a motor vehicle
12 subject to Class A registration, or a motorcycle subject to Class
13 G registration, as defined by this article, may request that the
14 division issue a registration plate bearing specially arranged
15 letters or numbers with the maximum number of letters or numbers to
16 be determined by the commissioner. The division shall attempt to
17 comply with the request wherever possible.

18 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
19 approval in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a
20 of this code regarding the orderly distribution of the plates:
21 *Provided*, That for purposes of this subdivision, the registration
22 plates requested and issued shall include all plates bearing the
23 numbers two through two thousand.

24 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each special

1 registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision, which is in
2 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

3 (5) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans
4 special registration plates as follows:

5 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
6 any honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed
7 services of the United States a special registration plate for any
8 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant
9 with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of
10 Motor Vehicles.

11 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
12 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
13 special fee is to compensate the Division of Motor Vehicles for
14 additional costs and services required in the issuing of the
15 special registration. All fees collected by the division shall be
16 deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this
17 section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other
18 provision of this chapter.

19 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
20 spouse's honorably discharged veterans license plate until the
21 surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license
22 plate.

23 (6) The division may issue disabled veterans special
24 registration plates as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
2 any disabled veteran who is exempt from the payment of registration
3 fees under the provisions of this chapter a registration plate for
4 a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant which bears
5 the letters "DV" in red and also the regular identification
6 numerals in red.

7 (B) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
8 spouse's disabled veterans license plate until the surviving spouse
9 dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

10 (C) A qualified disabled veteran may obtain a second disabled
11 veterans license plate as described in this section for use on a
12 passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
13 The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited
14 into the State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by
15 this chapter, for the second plate.

16 (7) The division may issue recipients of the distinguished
17 Purple Heart medal special registration plates as follows:

18 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any
19 armed service person holding the distinguished Purple Heart medal
20 for persons wounded in combat a registration plate for a vehicle
21 titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or
22 numbers. The registration plate shall be designed by the
23 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall denote that those
24 individuals who are granted this special registration plate are

1 recipients of the Purple Heart. All letterings shall be in purple
2 where practical.

3 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision
4 are exempt from all registration fees otherwise required by the
5 provisions of this chapter.

6 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
7 spouse's Purple Heart medal license plate until the surviving
8 spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

9 (D) A recipient of the Purple Heart medal may obtain a second
10 Purple Heart medal license plate as described in this section for
11 use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified
12 applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be
13 deposited into the State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees
14 required by this chapter, for the second plate.

15 (8) The division may issue survivors of the attack on Pearl
16 Harbor special registration plates as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the owner of a motor vehicle
18 who was enlisted in any branch of the armed services that
19 participated in and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December
20 7, 1941, the division shall issue a special registration plate for
21 a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The
22 registration plate shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor
23 Vehicles.

24 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision

1 are exempt from the payment of all registration fees otherwise
2 required by the provisions of this chapter.

3 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
4 spouse's survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor license plate
5 until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
6 license plate.

7 (D) A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor may obtain a
8 second survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor license plate as
9 described in this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in
10 the name of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge a
11 one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road Fund, in
12 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second
13 plate.

14 (9) The division may issue special registration plates to
15 nonprofit charitable and educational organizations authorized under
16 prior enactment of this subdivision as follows:

17 (A) Approved nonprofit charitable and educational
18 organizations previously authorized under the prior enactment of
19 this subdivision may accept and collect applications for special
20 registration plates from owners of Class A motor vehicles together
21 with a special annual fee of \$15, which is in addition to all other
22 fees required by this chapter. The applications and fees shall be
23 submitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles with the request that
24 the division issue a registration plate bearing a combination of

1 letters or numbers with the organizations' logo or emblem, with the
2 maximum number of letters or numbers to be determined by the
3 commissioner.

4 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
5 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three,
6 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the procedures for and
7 approval of special registration plates issued pursuant to this
8 subdivision.

9 (C) The commissioner shall set an appropriate fee to defray
10 the administrative costs associated with designing and
11 manufacturing special registration plates for a nonprofit
12 charitable or educational organization. The nonprofit charitable
13 or educational organization shall collect this fee and forward it
14 to the division for deposit in the State Road Fund. The nonprofit
15 charitable or educational organization may also collect a fee for
16 marketing the special registration plates.

17 (10) The division may issue specified emergency or volunteer
18 registration plates as follows:

19 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the
20 State of West Virginia and who is a certified paramedic or
21 emergency medical technician, a member of a paid fire department,
22 a member of the State Fire Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the
23 State Fire Marshal's assistants, the state Fire Administrator and
24 voluntary rescue squad members may apply for a special license

1 plate for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the
2 qualified applicant which bears the insignia of the profession,
3 group or commission. Any insignia shall be designed by the
4 commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision
5 shall bear the requested insignia in addition to the registration
6 number issued to the applicant pursuant to the provisions of this
7 article.

8 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
9 shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the fire chief or
10 department head of the applicant stating that the applicant is
11 justified in having a registration with the requested insignia;
12 proof of compliance with all laws of this state regarding
13 registration and licensure of motor vehicles; and payment of all
14 required fees.

15 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
16 shall be accompanied by payment of a special initial application
17 fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or
18 license fee required by this chapter. All special fees shall be
19 collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

20 (11) The division may issue specified certified firefighter
21 registration plates as follows:

22 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the
23 State of West Virginia and who is a certified firefighter may apply
24 for a special license plate which bears the insignia of the

1 profession, for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name
2 of the qualified applicant. Any insignia shall be designed by the
3 commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision
4 shall bear the requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of
5 this article. Upon presentation of written evidence of
6 certification as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters
7 are eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued
8 pursuant to this subdivision.

9 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
10 shall be accompanied by an affidavit stating that the applicant is
11 justified in having a registration with the requested insignia;
12 proof of compliance with all laws of this state regarding
13 registration and licensure of motor vehicles; and payment of all
14 required fees. The firefighter certification department, section
15 or division of the West Virginia University fire service extension
16 shall notify the commissioner in writing immediately when a
17 firefighter loses his or her certification. If a firefighter loses
18 his or her certification, the commissioner may not issue him or her
19 a license plate under this subsection.

20 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
21 shall be accompanied by payment of a special initial application
22 fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or
23 license fee required by this chapter. All special fees shall be
24 collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

1 (12) The division may issue special scenic registration plates
2 as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner shall issue
4 a special registration plate displaying a scenic design of West
5 Virginia which displays the words "Wild Wonderful" as a slogan.

6 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
7 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by
8 this chapter. All initial application fees collected by the
9 division shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

10 (13) The division may issue honorably discharged Marine Corps
11 league members special registration plates as follows:

12 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
13 any honorably discharged Marine Corps league member a special
14 registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of
15 the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the
16 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

17 (B) The division may charge a special one-time initial
18 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by
19 this chapter. This special fee is to compensate the Division of
20 Motor Vehicles for additional costs and services required in the
21 issuing of the special registration and shall be collected by the
22 division and deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That
23 nothing in this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from
24 any other provision of this chapter.

1 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
2 spouse's honorably discharged Marine Corps League license plate
3 until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
4 license plate.

5 (14) The division may issue military organization registration
6 plates as follows:

7 (A) The division may issue a special registration plate for
8 the members of any military organization chartered by the United
9 States Congress upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization
10 of a minimum of one hundred applicants. The insignia on the plate
11 shall be designed by the commissioner.

12 (B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue
13 members of the chartered organization in good standing, as
14 determined by the governing body of the chartered organization, a
15 special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the
16 name of the qualified applicant.

17 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
18 application fee of \$10 for each special license plate in addition
19 to all other fees required by this chapter. All initial
20 application fees collected by the division shall be deposited into
21 the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be
22 construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision of this
23 chapter.

24 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased

1 spouse's military organization registration plate until the
2 surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the special
3 military organization registration plate.

4 (15) The division may issue special nongame wildlife
5 registration plates and special wildlife registration plates as
6 follows:

7 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
8 special registration plate displaying a species of West Virginia
9 wildlife which shall display a species of wildlife native to West
10 Virginia as prescribed and designated by the commissioner and the
11 Director of the Division of Natural Resources.

12 (B) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
13 special nongame wildlife registration plate and each special
14 wildlife registration plate in addition to all other fees required
15 by this chapter. All annual fees collected for nongame wildlife
16 registration plates and wildlife registration plates shall be
17 deposited in a special revenue account designated the Nongame
18 Wildlife Fund and credited to the Division of Natural Resources.

19 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
20 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by
21 this chapter. All initial application fees collected by the
22 division shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

23 (16) The division may issue members of the Silver Haired
24 Legislature special registration plates as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
2 any person who is a duly qualified member of the Silver Haired
3 Legislature a specialized registration plate which bears
4 recognition of the applicant as a member of the Silver Haired
5 Legislature.

6 (B) A qualified member of the Silver Haired Legislature may
7 obtain one registration plate described in this subdivision for use
8 on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified
9 applicant. The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15, in
10 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the plate.
11 All annual fees collected by the division shall be deposited in the
12 State Road Fund.

13 (17) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner shall
14 issue to a classic motor vehicle or classic motorcycle as defined
15 in section three-a, article ten of this chapter, a special
16 registration plate designed by the commissioner. An annual fee of
17 \$15, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, shall
18 be charged for each classic registration plate.

19 (18) Honorably discharged veterans may be issued special
20 registration plates for motorcycles subject to Class G registration
21 as follows:

22 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any
23 honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed services of
24 the United States a special registration plate for any number of

1 motorcycles subject to Class G registration titled in the name of
2 the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the
3 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

4 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged
5 in addition to all other fees required by law. This special fee is
6 to be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road
7 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to
8 exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

9 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
10 spouse's honorably discharged veterans license plate until the
11 surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license
12 plate.

13 (19) Racing theme special registration plates:

14 (A) The division may issue a series of special registration
15 plates displaying National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
16 themes.

17 (B) An annual fee of \$25 shall be charged for each special
18 racing theme registration plate in addition to all other fees
19 required by this chapter. All annual fees collected for each
20 special racing theme registration plate shall be deposited into the
21 State Road Fund.

22 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the
23 time of initial application as well as upon application for any
24 duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all

1 other fees required by this chapter. All application fees shall be
2 deposited into the State Road Fund.

3 (20) The division may issue recipients of the Navy Cross,
4 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force
5 Cross, Bronze Star, Silver Star or Air Medal special registration
6 plates as follows:

7 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
8 any recipient of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross,
9 Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze
10 Star or Air Medal, a registration plate for any number of vehicles
11 titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or
12 numbers. A separate registration plate shall be designed by the
13 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each award that denotes that
14 those individuals who are granted this special registration plate
15 are recipients of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross,
16 Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star or Bronze
17 Star, or Air Medal as applicable.

18 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
19 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
20 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
21 State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section exempts
22 the applicant for a special registration plate under this
23 subdivision from any other provision of this chapter.

24 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased

1 spouse's Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished
2 Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star or Air
3 Medal special registration plate until the surviving spouse dies,
4 remarries or does not renew the special registration plate.

5 (21) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans
6 special registration plates as follows:

7 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
8 any honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed
9 services of the United States with verifiable service during World
10 War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War or
11 the War Against Terrorism a special registration plate for any
12 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant
13 with an insignia designed by the commissioner denoting service in
14 the applicable conflict.

15 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
16 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by
17 law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and
18 deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing contained
19 in this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any
20 other provision of this chapter.

21 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
22 spouse's honorably discharged veterans registration plate until the
23 surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the special
24 registration plate.

1 (22) The division may issue special volunteer firefighter
2 registration plates as follows:

3 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West
4 Virginia and who is a volunteer firefighter may apply for a special
5 license plate for any Class A vehicle titled in the name of the
6 qualified applicant which bears the insignia of the profession in
7 white letters on a red background. The insignia shall be designed
8 by the commissioner and shall contain a fireman's helmet insignia
9 on the left side of the license plate.

10 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
11 shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the applicant's fire
12 chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter and
13 justified in having a registration plate with the requested
14 insignia. The applicant must comply with all other laws of this
15 state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles and
16 must pay all required fees.

17 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision
18 shall be accompanied by payment of a special one-time initial
19 application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other
20 registration or license fee required by this chapter. All
21 application fees shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

22 (23) The division may issue special registration plates which
23 reflect patriotic themes, including the display of any United
24 States symbol, icon, phrase or expression which evokes patriotic

1 pride or recognition.

2 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
3 an applicant a registration plate of the applicant's choice,
4 displaying a patriotic theme as provided in this subdivision, for
5 a vehicle titled in the name of the applicant. A series of
6 registration plates displaying patriotic themes shall be designed
7 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for distribution to
8 applicants.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
10 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by
11 law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and
12 deposited in the State Road Fund.

13 (24) Special license plates bearing the American flag and the
14 logo "9/11/01".

15 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue
16 special registration plates which shall display the American flag
17 and the logo "9/11/01".

18 (B) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
19 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

20 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the
21 time of initial application as well as upon application for any
22 duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all
23 other fees required by this chapter. All application fees shall be
24 deposited into the State Road Fund.

1 (25) The division may issue a special registration plate
2 celebrating the centennial of the 4-H youth development movement
3 and honoring the Future Farmers of America organization as follows:

4 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
5 special registration plate depicting the symbol of the 4-H
6 organization which represents the head, heart, hands and health as
7 well as the symbol of the Future Farmers of America organization
8 which represents a cross section of an ear of corn for any number
9 of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

10 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
11 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
12 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
13 State Road Fund.

14 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
15 special 4-H Future Farmers of America registration plate in
16 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

17 (26) The division may issue special registration plates to
18 educators in the state's elementary and secondary schools and in
19 the state's institutions of higher education as follows:

20 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
21 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
22 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

23 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
24 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This

1 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
2 State Road Fund.

3 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
4 special educator registration plate in addition to all other fees
5 required by this chapter.

6 (27) The division may issue special registration plates to
7 members of the Nemesis Shrine as follows:

8 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
9 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
10 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
11 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
12 sufficient proof of membership in Nemesis Shrine.

13 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
14 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
15 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
16 State Road Fund.

17 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
18 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

19 (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this
20 section, the time period for the Nemesis Shrine to comply with the
21 minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby extended to
22 January 15, 2005.

23 (28) The division may issue volunteers and employees of the
24 American Red Cross special registration plates as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
2 any person who is a duly qualified volunteer or employee of the
3 American Red Cross a specialized registration plate which bears
4 recognition of the applicant as a volunteer or employee of the
5 American Red Cross for any number of vehicles titled in the name of
6 the qualified applicant.

7 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
8 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
9 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
10 State Road Fund.

11 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
12 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

13 (29) The division shall issue special registration plates to
14 individuals who have received either the Combat Infantry Badge or
15 the Combat Medic Badge as follows:

16 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
17 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
18 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
19 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
20 sufficient proof that they have received either the Combat Infantry
21 Badge or the Combat Medic Badge.

22 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
23 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
24 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the

1 State Road Fund.

2 (30) The division may issue special registration plates to
3 members of the Knights of Columbus as follows:

4 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
5 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
6 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
7 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
8 sufficient proof of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
10 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
11 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
12 State Road Fund.

13 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
14 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

15 (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this
16 section, the time period for the Knights of Columbus to comply with
17 the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby extended to
18 January 15, 2007.

19 (31) The division may issue special registration plates to
20 former members of the Legislature as follows:

21 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
22 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
23 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
24 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer

1 sufficient proof of former service as an elected or appointed
2 member of the West Virginia House of Delegates or the West Virginia
3 Senate.

4 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
5 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
6 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
7 State Road Fund. The design of the plate shall indicate total
8 years of service in the Legislature.

9 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
10 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

11 (32) Democratic state or county executive committee member
12 special registration plates:

13 (A) The division shall design and issue special registration
14 plates for use by democratic state or county executive committee
15 members. The design of the plates shall include an insignia of a
16 donkey and shall differentiate by wording on the plate between
17 state and county executive committee members.

18 (B) An annual fee of \$25 shall be charged for each democratic
19 state or county executive committee member registration plate in
20 addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All annual
21 fees collected for each special plate issued under this subdivision
22 shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

23 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the
24 time of initial application as well as upon application for any

1 duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all
2 other fees required by this chapter. All application fees shall be
3 deposited into the State Road Fund.

4 (D) The division shall not begin production of a plate
5 authorized under the provisions of this subdivision until the
6 division receives at least one hundred completed applications from
7 the state or county executive committee members, including all fees
8 required pursuant to this subdivision.

9 (E) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this
10 section, the time period for the democratic executive committee to
11 comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby
12 extended to January 15, 2005.

13 (33) The division may issue honorably discharged female
14 veterans special registration plates as follows:

15 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any
16 female honorably discharged veteran, of any branch of the armed
17 services of the United States, a special registration plate for any
18 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant
19 with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of
20 Motor Vehicles to designate the recipient as a woman veteran.

21 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged
22 in addition to all other fees required by law. This special fee
23 shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road
24 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to

1 exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

2 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his deceased
3 spouse's honorably discharged veterans license plate until the
4 surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license
5 plate.

6 (34) The division may issue special registration plates
7 bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, letters or words demonstrating
8 association with West Liberty State College to any resident owner
9 of a motor vehicle. Resident owners may apply for the special
10 license plate for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name
11 of the applicant. The special registration plates shall be
12 designed by the commissioner. Each application submitted pursuant
13 to this subdivision shall be accompanied by payment of a special
14 initial application fee of \$15, which is in addition to any other
15 registration or license fee required by this chapter. The division
16 shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration
17 plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All
18 special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into
19 the State Road Fund.

20 (35) The division may issue special registration plates to
21 members of the Harley Owners Group as follows:

22 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
23 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
24 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

1 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
2 sufficient proof of membership in the Harley Owners Group.

3 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
4 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
5 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
6 State Road Fund.

7 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
8 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

9 (36) The division may issue special registration plates for
10 persons retired from any branch of the armed services of the United
11 States as follows:

12 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any
13 person who has retired after service in any branch of the armed
14 services of the United States, a special registration plate for any
15 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant
16 with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of
17 Motor Vehicles to designate the recipient as retired from the armed
18 services of the United States.

19 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged
20 in addition to all other fees required by law. This special fee
21 shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road
22 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to
23 exempt any registrants from any other provision of this chapter.

24 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased

1 spouse's retired military license plate until the surviving spouse
2 dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

3 (37) The division may issue special registration plates
4 bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, letters or words demonstrating
5 association with or support for Fairmont State College as follows:

6 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
7 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
8 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
10 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
11 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
12 State Road Fund.

13 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
14 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

15 (38) The division may issue special registration plates
16 honoring the farmers of West Virginia as follows:

17 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West
18 Virginia may apply for a special license plate depicting a farming
19 scene or other apt reference to farming, whether in pictures or
20 words, at the discretion of the commissioner.

21 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
22 fee of \$10. This special fee shall be collected by the division
23 and deposited in the State Road Fund.

24 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in

1 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

2 (39) The division shall issue special registration plates
3 promoting education as follows:

4 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
5 special registration plate displaying a children's education-
6 related theme as prescribed and designated by the commissioner and
7 the state superintendent of Schools.

8 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
9 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
10 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
11 State Road Fund.

12 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
13 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

14 (40) The division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne
15 Division Association special registration plates as follows:

16 (A) The division may issue a special registration plate for
17 members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association upon receipt of
18 a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of one hundred
19 applicants. The insignia on the plate shall be designed by the
20 commissioner.

21 (B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue
22 members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association in good standing,
23 as determined by the governing body of the organization, a special
24 registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of

1 the qualified applicant.

2 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
3 application fee of \$10 for each special license plate in addition
4 to all other fees required by this chapter. All initial
5 application fees collected by the division shall be deposited into
6 the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be
7 construed to exempt the applicant from any other provision of this
8 chapter.

9 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
10 spouse's special 82nd Airborne Division Association registration
11 plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew
12 the special registration plate.

13 (41) The division may issue special registration plates to
14 survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as a member with
15 a West Virginia law-enforcement agency.

16 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
17 any member of a municipal police department, sheriff's department,
18 the State Police or the law-enforcement division of the Division of
19 Natural Resources who has been wounded in the line of duty and
20 awarded a Purple Heart in recognition thereof by the West Virginia
21 Chiefs of Police Association, the West Virginia Sheriffs'
22 Association, the West Virginia Troopers Association or the Division
23 of Natural Resources a special registration plate for one vehicle
24 titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia

1 appropriately designed by the commissioner.

2 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision
3 are exempt from the registration fees otherwise required by the
4 provisions of this chapter.

5 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
6 spouse's special registration plate until the surviving spouse
7 dies, remarries or does not renew the plate.

8 (D) Survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as a
9 member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency may obtain a
10 license plate as described in this section for use on a passenger
11 vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The
12 division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into
13 the State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this
14 chapter, for the second plate.

15 (42) The division may issue a special registration plate for
16 persons who are Native Americans and residents of this state.

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to
18 an applicant who is a Native American resident of West Virginia a
19 registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name of the
20 applicant with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the
21 Division of Motor Vehicles to designate the recipient as a Native
22 American.

23 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
24 application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by

1 law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and
2 deposited in the State Road Fund.

3 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
4 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

5 (43) The division may issue special registration plates
6 commemorating the centennial anniversary of the creation of Davis
7 and Elkins College as follows:

8 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
9 special registration plate designed by the commissioner to
10 commemorate the centennial anniversary of Davis and Elkins College
11 for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

12 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
13 fee of \$10. This special fee shall be collected by the division
14 and deposited in the State Road Fund.

15 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
16 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

17 (44) The division may issue special registration plates
18 recognizing and honoring breast cancer survivors.

19 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
20 special registration plate designed by the commissioner to
21 recognize and honor breast cancer survivors, such plate to
22 incorporate somewhere in the design the "pink ribbon emblem", for
23 any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

24 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application

1 fee of \$10. This special fee shall be deposited in the State Road
2 Fund.

3 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
4 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

5 (45) The division may issue special registration plates to
6 members of the Knights of Pythias or Pythian Sisters as follows:

7 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
8 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
9 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
10 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
11 sufficient proof of membership in the Knights of Pythias or Pythian
12 Sisters.

13 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
14 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
15 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
16 State Road Fund.

17 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
18 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

19 (46) The commissioner may issue special registration plates
20 for whitewater rafting enthusiasts as follows:

21 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
22 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
23 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

24 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application

1 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
2 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
3 State Road Fund.

4 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
5 special registration plate in addition to all other fees required
6 by this chapter.

7 (47) The division may issue special registration plates to
8 members of Lions International as follows:

9 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
10 special registration plate designed by the commissioner in
11 consultation with Lions International for any number of vehicles
12 titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Persons desiring
13 the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of
14 membership in Lions International.

15 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
16 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
17 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
18 State Road Fund.

19 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
20 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

21 (48) The division may issue special registration plates
22 supporting organ donation as follows:

23 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
24 special registration plate designed by the commissioner which

1 recognizes, supports and honors organ and tissue donors and
2 includes the words "Donate Life".

3 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
4 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
5 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
6 State Road Fund.

7 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
8 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

9 (49) The division may issue special registration plates to
10 members of the West Virginia Bar Association as follows:

11 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
12 special registration plate designed by the commissioner in
13 consultation with the West Virginia Bar Association for any number
14 of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Persons
15 desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient
16 proof of membership in the West Virginia Bar Association.

17 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
18 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
19 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
20 State Road Fund.

21 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
22 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

23 (50) The division may issue special registration plates
24 bearing an appropriate logo, symbol or insignia combined with the

1 words "SHARE THE ROAD" designed to promote bicycling in the state
2 as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
4 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
5 number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

6 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
7 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
8 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
9 State Road Fund.

10 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
11 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

12 (51) The division may issue special registration plates
13 honoring coal miners as follows:

14 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
15 special registration plate depicting and displaying coal miners in
16 mining activities as prescribed and designated by the commissioner
17 and the board of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority.

18 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
19 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
20 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
21 State Road Fund.

22 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
23 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

24 (52) The division may issue special registration plates to

1 present and former Boy Scouts as follows:

2 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
3 special registration plate designed by the Commissioner for any
4 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
5 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
6 sufficient proof of present or past membership in the Boy Scouts as
7 either a member or a leader.

8 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
9 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
10 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
11 State Road Fund.

12 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
13 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

14 (53) The division may issue special registration plates to
15 present and former Boy Scouts who have achieved Eagle Scout status
16 as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
18 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
19 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
20 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
21 sufficient proof of achievement of Eagle Scout status.

22 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
23 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
24 special fee shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

1 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
2 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

3 (54) The division may issue special registration plates
4 recognizing and memorializing victims of domestic violence.

5 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
6 special registration plate designed by the commissioner to
7 recognize and memorialize victims of domestic violence, such plate
8 to incorporate somewhere in the design the "purple ribbon emblem",
9 for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

10 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
11 fee of \$10. This special fee shall be deposited in the State Road
12 Fund.

13 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
14 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

15 (55) The division may issue special registration plates
16 bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, letters or words demonstrating
17 association with or support for the University of Charleston as
18 follows:

19 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
20 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
21 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

22 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
23 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
24 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the

1 State Road Fund.

2 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
3 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

4 (56) The division may issue special registration plates to
5 members of the Sons of the American Revolution as follows:

6 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
7 special registration plate designed by the commissioner in
8 consultation with the Sons of the American Revolution for any
9 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
10 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
11 sufficient proof of membership in the Sons of the American
12 Revolution.

13 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
14 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
15 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
16 State Road Fund.

17 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in
18 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

19 (57) The commissioner may issue special registration plates
20 for horse enthusiasts as follows:

21 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
22 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
23 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

24 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application

1 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
2 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
3 State Road Fund.

4 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
5 special registration plate in addition to all other fees required
6 by this chapter.

7 (58) The commissioner may issue special registration plates to
8 the next of kin of a member of any branch of the armed services of
9 the United States killed in combat as follows:

10 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
11 special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the
12 name of a qualified applicant depicting the Gold Star awarded by
13 the United States Department of Defense as prescribed and
14 designated by the commissioner.

15 (B) The next of kin shall provide sufficient proof of
16 receiving a Gold Star lapel button from the United States
17 Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 534, 89th
18 Congress, and criteria established by the United States Department
19 of Defense, including criteria to determine next of kin.

20 (C) The division shall charge a special initial application
21 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
22 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
23 State Road Fund.

24 (D) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section are not

1 applicable for the issuance of the special license plates
2 designated by this subdivision.

3 (59) The commissioner may issue special registration plates
4 for retired or former Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of
5 West Virginia as follows:

6 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
7 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
8 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
10 fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This
11 special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the
12 State Road Fund.

13 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
14 special registration plate in addition to all other fees required
15 by this chapter.

16 (D) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section are not
17 applicable for the issuance of the special license plates
18 designated by this subdivision.

19 (60) Upon approval by the commissioner of an appropriate
20 application, and upon all requirements of this subdivision being
21 satisfied, the division may issue special registration plates for
22 class A and class G motor vehicles to members of an organization
23 for which a special registration plate has not been issued pursuant
24 to any other subdivision in this subsection prior to January 1,

1 2010, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

2 (A) An organization desiring to create a special registration
3 plate must comply with the following requirements to be eligible to
4 apply for the creation and issuance of a special registration
5 plate:

6 (i) The organization must be a nonprofit organization
7 organized and existing under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the
8 Internal Revenue Code and based, headquartered or have a chapter in
9 West Virginia;

10 (ii) The organization may be organized for, but may not be
11 restricted to, social, civic, higher education or entertainment
12 purposes;

13 (iii) The organization may not be a political party and may
14 not have been created or exist primarily to promote a specific
15 political or social belief, as determined by the commissioner in
16 his or her sole discretion;

17 (iv) The organization may not have as its primary purpose the
18 promotion of any specific faith, religion, religious belief or
19 antireligion;

20 (v) The name of the organization may not be the name of a
21 special product or brand name, and may not be construed, as
22 determined by the commissioner, as promoting a product or brand
23 name; and

24 (vi) The organization's lettering, logo, image or message to

1 be placed on the registration plate, if created, may not be
2 obscene, offensive or objectionable as determined by the
3 commissioner in his or her sole discretion.

4 (B) Beginning July 1, 2010, an organization requesting the
5 creation and issuance of a special registration plate may make
6 application with the division. The application shall include
7 sufficient information, as determined by the commissioner, to
8 determine whether the special registration plate requested and the
9 organization making the application meet all of the requirements
10 set forth in this subdivision (60). The application shall also
11 include a proposed design, including lettering, logo, image or
12 message to be placed on the registration plate. The commissioner
13 shall notify the organization of the commissioner's approval or
14 disapproval of the application.

15 (C) (i) The commissioner may not begin the design or production
16 of any license plates authorized and approved pursuant to this
17 subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section until the
18 organization which applied for the special registration plate has
19 collected and submitted collectively to the division applications
20 completed by at least two hundred fifty persons and collectively
21 deposited with the division all fees necessary to cover the first
22 year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs
23 and to cover the first year additional annual fee for all of the
24 applications submitted.

1 (ii) If the organization fails to submit the required number
2 of applications and fees within six months of the effective date of
3 the approval of the application for the plate by the commissioner,
4 the plate will not be produced until a new application is submitted
5 and is approved by the commissioner: *Provided*, That an
6 organization that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number
7 of applications may not make a new application for a special plate
8 until at least two years have passed since the approval of the
9 previous application of the organization.

10 (D) The division shall charge a special initial application
11 fee of \$25 for each special license plate in addition to all other
12 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the
13 division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

14 (E) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
15 special registration plate in addition to all other fees required
16 by this chapter.

17 (F) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a
18 special registration plate designed by the commissioner in
19 consultation with the organization for any number of vehicles
20 titled in the name of a qualified registration plate applicant.
21 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer
22 sufficient proof of membership in the organization.

23 (G) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal
24 of the registration of any special plate issued pursuant to this

1 subdivision (60) if:

2 (i) The number of valid registrations for the specialty plate
3 falls below two hundred fifty plates for at least twelve
4 consecutive months; or

5 (ii) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the
6 requirements of this subdivision.

7 (61) The commissioner shall issue special registration plates
8 for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired as certified by a
9 licensed physician or an audiologist certified by the American
10 Speech-Language-Hearing Association as follows:

11 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
12 special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any
13 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
14 The license plate shall read either "deaf" or "hearing impaired" as
15 requested by the applicant.

16 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
17 fee of \$10. This special fee shall be collected by the division
18 and deposited in the State Road Fund.

19 (C) The minimum number of applications requirements of
20 subsection (d) of this section are not applicable for the issuance
21 of the special license plates designated by this subdivision.

22 (d) The minimum number of applications required prior to
23 design and production of a special license plate shall be as
24 follows:

1 (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of
2 any license plates for which eligibility is based on membership or
3 affiliation with a particular private organization until at least
4 one hundred persons complete an application and deposit with the
5 organization a check to cover the first year's basic registration,
6 one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the first year
7 additional annual fee. If the organization fails to submit the
8 required number of applications with attached checks within six
9 months of the effective date of the original authorizing
10 legislation, the plate will not be produced and will require
11 legislative reauthorization: *Provided*, That an organization or
12 group that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of
13 applications may not request reconsideration of a special plate
14 until at least two years have passed since the effective date of
15 the original authorization: *Provided, however*, That the provisions
16 of this subdivision (1) are not applicable to the issuance of
17 plates authorized pursuant to subdivision (60), subsection (c) of
18 this section.

19 (2) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of
20 any license plates authorized by this section for which membership
21 or affiliation with a particular organization is not required until
22 at least two hundred fifty registrants complete an application and
23 deposit a fee with the division to cover the first year's basic
24 registration fee, one-time design and manufacturing fee and

1 additional annual fee if applicable. If the commissioner fails to
2 receive the required number of applications within six months of
3 the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the
4 plate will not be produced and will require legislative
5 reauthorization: *Provided*, That if the minimum number of
6 applications is not satisfied within the six months of the
7 effective date of the original authorizing legislation, a person
8 may not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least
9 two years have passed since the effective date of the original
10 authorization.

11 (e) (1) Nothing in this section requires a charge for a free
12 prisoner of war license plate or a free recipient of the
13 Congressional Medal of Honor license plate for a vehicle titled in
14 the name of the qualified applicant as authorized by other
15 provisions of this code.

16 (2) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased
17 spouse's prisoner of war license plate or Congressional Medal of
18 Honor license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or
19 does not renew the license plate.

20 (3) Qualified former prisoners of war and recipients of the
21 Congressional Medal of Honor may obtain a second special
22 registration plate for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the
23 name of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-
24 time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road Fund, in

1 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second
2 special plate.

3 (f) The division may issue special ten-year registration
4 plates as follows:

5 (1) The commissioner may issue or renew for a period of no
6 more than ten years any registration plate exempted from
7 registration fees pursuant to any provision of this code or any
8 restricted use antique motor vehicle license plate authorized by
9 section three-a, article ten of this chapter: *Provided*, That the
10 provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person who has
11 had a special registration suspended for failure to maintain motor
12 vehicle liability insurance as required by section three, article
13 two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or failure to pay personal
14 property taxes as required by section three-a of this article.

15 (2) An initial nonrefundable fee shall be charged for each
16 special registration plate issued pursuant to this subsection,
17 which is the total amount of fees required by section fifteen,
18 article ten of this chapter, section three, article three of this
19 chapter or section three-a, article ten of this chapter for the
20 period requested.

21 (g) The provisions of this section may not be construed to
22 exempt any registrant from maintaining motor vehicle liability
23 insurance as required by section three, article two-a, chapter
24 seventeen-d of this code or from paying personal property taxes on

1 any motor vehicle as required by section three-a of this article.

2 (h) The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, issue a
3 registration plate of reflectorized material suitable for permanent
4 use on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, together with
5 appropriate devices to be attached to the registration to indicate
6 the year for which the vehicles have been properly registered or
7 the date of expiration of the registration. The design and
8 expiration of the plates shall be determined by the commissioner.
9 The commissioner shall, whenever possible and cost effective,
10 implement the latest technology in the design, production and
11 issuance of registration plates, indices of registration renewal
12 and vehicle ownership documents, including, but not limited to,
13 offering Internet renewal of vehicle registration and the use of
14 bar codes for instant identification of vehicles by scanning
15 equipment to promote the efficient and effective coordination and
16 communication of data for improving highway safety, aiding law
17 enforcement and enhancing revenue collection.

18 (i) Any license plate issued or renewed pursuant to this
19 chapter which is paid for by a check that is returned for
20 nonsufficient funds is void without further notice to the
21 applicant. The applicant may not reinstate the registration until
22 the returned check is paid by the applicant in cash, money order or
23 certified check and all applicable fees assessed as a result
24 thereof have been paid.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the issuance of special license plates for the deaf or hearing impaired. The bill also exempts this plate from the minimum number of applications requirements. Application fee is set at ten dollars.

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