

Senate Bill No. 589

(By Senators Tucker, D. Hall, Fitzsimmons, Wells, Jenkins, Yost,
Cann and Cookman)

[Introduced February 14, 2014; referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;
and then to the Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §17A-3-14a, relating to
authorizing the issuance of special Family of Fallen Hero
registration plates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by
adding thereto a new section, designated §17A-3-14a, to read as
follows:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

§17A-3-14a. Issuance of special "Family of Fallen Hero" plates.

(a) Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section fourteen

1 of this article, the division may issue special registration
2 plates that read "Family of Fallen Hero".

3 (b) In order to receive a registration plate under this section
4 the applicant must demonstrate that the applicant:

5 (1) Is a resident spouse, child, grandchild or parent of a member
6 of any West Virginia law-enforcement agency, a firefighter or
7 paramedic killed in the line of duty; and

8 (2) Provides proof of eligibility and relationship required by
9 the commissioner.

10 (c) The commissioner shall design the special plate after
11 consultation with the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association,
12 the West Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the West Virginia
13 Troopers Association, the West Virginia Firemen's Association and
14 the Division of Natural Resources.

15 (d) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a
16 special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in
17 the name of a qualified applicant.

18 (e) The division shall charge a special initial application fee
19 of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law for a
20 registration plate issued under this section. The fee shall be
21 collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

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

24 (g) The provisions of subsections (a), (b), (g), (h) and (i) of

1 section fourteen of this section apply in the issuance of plates
2 under this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the issuance of
special "Family of Fallen Hero" registration plates.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring
have been omitted.