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### House Bill 4326

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to making special registration plates for volunteer fire fighters good for five years,

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia,1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

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

**§17A-3-14. Registration plates generally; description of plates; issuance of special  
numbers and plates; registration fees; special application fees; exemptions;  
commissioner to promulgate forms; suspension and nonrenewal.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (1) The Governor shall be issued two registration plates, on one of which shall be imprinted

16 the numeral one and on the other the word one.

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

18 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to the Secretary of State, State  
19 Superintendent of Schools, Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and the Attorney  
20 General, the members of both houses of the Legislature, including the elected officials of both  
21 houses of the Legislature, the justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the  
22 representatives and senators of the state in the Congress of the United States, the judges of the  
23 West Virginia circuit courts, active and retired on senior status, the judges of the United States  
24 district courts for the State of West Virginia and the judges of the United States Court of Appeals  
25 for the fourth circuit, if any of the judges are residents of West Virginia, a special registration plate  
26 for a Class A motor vehicle and a special registration plate for a Class G motorcycle owned by  
27 the official or his or her spouse: *Provided*, That the division may issue a Class A special  
28 registration plate for each vehicle titled to the official and a Class G special registration plate for  
29 each motorcycle titled to the official.

30 (B) Each plate issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear any combination of letters  
31 and numbers not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner and a designation of the  
32 office. Each plate shall supersede the regular numbered plate assigned to the official or his or her  
33 spouse during the official's term of office and while the motor vehicle is owned by the official or  
34 his or her spouse.

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

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

39 (A) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the division and receipt of  
40 written evidence from the chief executive officer of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard,  
41 as appropriate, or the commanding officer of any United States Armed Forces reserve unit that

42 the applicant is a member thereof, the division shall issue to any member of the National Guard  
43 of this state or a member of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces a special  
44 registration plate designed by the commissioner for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned  
45 by the member. Upon presentation of written evidence of retirement status, retired members of  
46 this states Army or Air National Guard, or retired members of any reserve unit of the United States  
47 Armed Forces, are eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this  
48 subdivision.

49 (B) The division shall charge an initial application fee of \$10 for each special registration  
50 plate issued pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this  
51 chapter. Except as otherwise provided herein, effective July 1, 2007, all fees currently held in the  
52 special revolving fund used in the administration of this section and all fees collected by the  
53 division shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

66 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each special registration plate issued  
67 pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

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

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

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

79 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouses honorably  
80 discharged veterans license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew  
81 the license plate.

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

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

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

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

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

96 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any armed service person  
97 holding the distinguished Purple Heart medal for persons wounded in combat a registration plate  
98 for a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. The  
99 registration plate shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall denote that  
100 those individuals who are granted this special registration plate are recipients of the Purple Heart.  
101 All letterings shall be in purple where practical.

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

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

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

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

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

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

119 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's survivors of the

120 attack on Pearl Harbor license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew  
121 the license plate.

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

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

129 (A) Approved nonprofit charitable and educational organizations previously authorized  
130 under the prior enactment of this subdivision may accept and collect applications for special  
131 registration plates from owners of Class A motor vehicles together with a special annual fee of  
132 \$15, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. The applications and fees shall  
133 be submitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles with the request that the division issue a registration  
134 plate bearing a combination of letters or numbers with the organizations logo or emblem, with the  
135 maximum number of letters or numbers to be determined by the commissioner.

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

139 (C) The commissioner shall set an appropriate fee to defray the administrative costs  
140 associated with designing and manufacturing special registration plates for a nonprofit charitable  
141 or educational organization. The nonprofit charitable or educational organization shall collect this  
142 fee and forward it to the division for deposit in the State Road Fund. The nonprofit charitable or  
143 educational organization may also collect a fee for marketing the special registration plates.

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

146 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who  
147 is a certified paramedic or emergency medical technician, a member of a paid fire department, a  
148 member of the State Fire Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal's assistants,  
149 the state Fire Administrator and voluntary rescue squad members may apply for a special license  
150 plate for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant which bears  
151 the insignia of the profession, group or commission. Any insignia shall be designed by the  
152 commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear the requested insignia  
153 in addition to the registration number issued to the applicant pursuant to the provisions of this  
154 article.

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

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

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

164 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who  
165 is a certified firefighter may apply for a special license plate which bears the insignia of the  
166 profession, for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Any  
167 insignia shall be designed by the commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision  
168 shall bear the requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of this article. Upon presentation of  
169 written evidence of certification as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters are eligible to  
170 purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision.

171 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an

172 affidavit stating that the applicant is justified in having a registration with the requested insignia;  
173 proof of compliance with all laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor  
174 vehicles; and payment of all required fees. The firefighter certification department, section or  
175 division of the West Virginia University fire service extension shall notify the commissioner in  
176 writing immediately when a firefighter loses his or her certification. If a firefighter loses his or her  
177 certification, the commissioner may not issue him or her a license plate under this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

195 (B) The division may charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to  
196 all other fees required by this chapter. This special fee is to compensate the Division of Motor  
197 Vehicles for additional costs and services required in the issuing of the special registration and

198 shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing  
199 in this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

200 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouses honorably  
201 discharged Marine Corps League license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does  
202 not renew the license plate.

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

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

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

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

215 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's military  
216 organization registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the  
217 special military organization registration plate.

218 (15) The division may issue special nongame wildlife registration plates and special wildlife  
219 registration plates as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

250 any number of motorcycles subject to Class G registration titled in the name of the qualified  
251 applicant with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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

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

259 (19) Racing theme special registration plates:

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

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

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

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

271 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any recipient of the Navy  
272 Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star,  
273 Bronze Star or Air Medal, a registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the  
274 qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. A separate registration plate shall be designed by  
275 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each award that denotes that those individuals who are

276 granted this special registration plate are recipients of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service  
277 Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star or Bronze Star, or Air Medal as  
278 applicable.

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

283 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's Navy Cross,  
284 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze  
285 Star or Air Medal special registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not  
286 renew the special registration plate.

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

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

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

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

302 (22) The division may issue special five-year volunteer firefighter registration plates as  
303 follows:

304 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West Virginia and who is a volunteer  
305 firefighter may apply for a special license plate for any Class A vehicle titled in the name of the  
306 qualified applicant which bears the insignia of the profession in white letters on a red background.  
307 The insignia shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain a firemans helmet insignia  
308 on the left side of the license plate.

309 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an  
310 affidavit signed by the applicants fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter and  
311 justified in having a registration plate with the requested insignia. The applicant must comply with  
312 all other laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles and must pay all  
313 required fees.

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

318 (23) The division may issue special registration plates which reflect patriotic themes,  
319 including the display of any United States symbol, icon, phrase or expression which evokes  
320 patriotic pride or recognition.

321 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant a registration  
322 plate of the applicants choice, displaying a patriotic theme as provided in this subdivision, for a  
323 vehicle titled in the name of the applicant. A series of registration plates displaying patriotic themes  
324 shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for distribution to applicants.

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

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

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

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

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

336 (25) The division may issue a special registration plate celebrating the centennial of the  
337 4-H youth development movement and honoring the Future Farmers of America organization as  
338 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

353 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other

354 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State  
355 Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

380 Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

408 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate  
409 designed by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified  
410 applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of former  
411 service as an elected or appointed member of the West Virginia House of Delegates or the West  
412 Virginia Senate.

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

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

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

419 (A) The division shall design and issue special registration plates for use by democratic  
420 state or county executive committee members. The design of the plates shall include an insignia  
421 of a donkey and shall differentiate by wording on the plate between state and county executive  
422 committee members.

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

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

430 (D) The division shall not begin production of a plate authorized under the provisions of  
431 this subdivision until the division receives at least one hundred completed applications from the

432 state or county executive committee members, including all fees required pursuant to this  
433 subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

451 (34) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia,  
452 letters or words demonstrating association with West Liberty State College to any resident owner  
453 of a motor vehicle. Resident owners may apply for the special license plate for any number of  
454 Class A vehicles titled in the name of the applicant. The special registration plates shall be  
455 designed by the commissioner. Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
456 accompanied by payment of a special initial application fee of \$15, which is in addition to any  
457 other registration or license fee required by this chapter. The division shall charge an annual fee

458 of \$15 for each special registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All  
459 special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

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

462 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate  
463 designed by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified  
464 applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership  
465 in the Harley Owners Group.

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

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

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

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

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

482 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's retired military  
483 license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

517 (B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne  
518 Division Association in good standing, as determined by the governing body of the organization,  
519 a special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

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

524 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouses special 82nd  
525 Airborne Division Association registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does  
526 not renew the special registration plate.

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

529 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any member of a municipal  
530 police department, sheriffs department, the State Police or the law-enforcement division of the  
531 Division of Natural Resources who has been wounded in the line of duty and awarded a Purple  
532 Heart in recognition thereof by the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association, the West Virginia  
533 Sheriffs Association, the West Virginia Troopers Association or the Division of Natural Resources  
534 a special registration plate for one vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an  
535 insignia appropriately designed by the commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

561 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall

562 be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

609 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate  
610 designed by the commissioner which recognizes, supports and honors organ and tissue donors  
611 and includes the words "Donate Life".

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

614 Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

628 (50) The division may issue special registration plates bearing an appropriate logo, symbol  
629 or insignia combined with the words "SHARE THE ROAD" designed to promote bicycling in the  
630 state as follows:

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

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

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

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

639 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate

640 depicting and displaying coal miners in mining activities as prescribed and designated by the  
641 commissioner and the board of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority.

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

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

647 (52) The division may issue special registration plates to present and former Boy Scouts  
648 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

691 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate

692 designed by the commissioner in consultation with the Sons of the American Revolution for any  
693 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Persons desiring the special  
694 registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the Sons of the American  
695 Revolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

716 (B) The next of kin shall provide sufficient proof of receiving a Gold Star lapel button from  
717 the United States Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 534, 89th Congress, and

718 criteria established by the United States Department of Defense, including criteria to determine  
719 next of kin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

737 (60) Upon approval by the commissioner of an appropriate application, and upon all  
738 requirements of this subdivision being satisfied, the division may issue special registration plates  
739 for class A and class G motor vehicles to members of an organization for which a special  
740 registration plate has not been issued pursuant to any other subdivision in this subsection prior to  
741 January 1, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

742 (A) An organization desiring to create a special registration plate must comply with the  
743 following requirements to be eligible to apply for the creation and issuance of a special registration

744 plate:

745 (i) The organization must be a nonprofit organization organized and existing under Section  
746 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code and based, headquartered or have a chapter  
747 in West Virginia;

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

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

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

755 (v) The name of the organization may not be the name of a special product or brand name,  
756 and may not be construed, as determined by the commissioner, as promoting a product or brand  
757 name; and

758 (vi) The organizations lettering, logo, image or message to be placed on the registration  
759 plate, if created, may not be obscene, offensive or objectionable as determined by the  
760 commissioner in his or her sole discretion.

761 (B) Beginning July 1, 2010, an organization requesting the creation and issuance of a  
762 special registration plate may make application with the division. The application shall include  
763 sufficient information, as determined by the commissioner, to determine whether the special  
764 registration plate requested and the organization making the application meet all of the  
765 requirements set forth in this subdivision (60). The application shall also include a proposed  
766 design, including lettering, logo, image or message to be placed on the registration plate. The  
767 commissioner shall notify the organization of the commissioner's approval or disapproval of the  
768 application.

769 (C)(i) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates

770 authorized and approved pursuant to this subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section until the  
771 organization which applied for the special registration plate has collected and submitted  
772 collectively to the division applications completed by at least two hundred fifty persons and  
773 collectively deposited with the division all fees necessary to cover the first year's basic  
774 registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the first year additional annual  
775 fee for all of the applications submitted.

776 (ii) If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications and fees within  
777 six months of the effective date of the approval of the application for the plate by the  
778 commissioner, the plate will not be produced until a new application is submitted and is approved  
779 by the commissioner: *Provided*, That an organization that is unsuccessful in obtaining the  
780 minimum number of applications may not make a new application for a special plate until at least  
781 two years have passed since the approval of the previous application of the organization.

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

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

787 (F) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate  
788 designed by the commissioner in consultation with the organization for any number of vehicles  
789 titled in the name of a qualified registration plate applicant. Persons desiring the special  
790 registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the organization.

791 (G) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of the registration of any  
792 special plate issued pursuant to this subdivision (60) if:

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

795 (ii) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the requirements of this

796 subdivision.

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

799 (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates for  
800 which eligibility is based on membership or affiliation with a particular private organization until at  
801 least one hundred persons complete an application and deposit with the organization a check to  
802 cover the first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the  
803 first year additional annual fee. If the organization fails to submit the required number of  
804 applications with attached checks within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing  
805 legislation, the plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided,*  
806 That an organization or group that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of  
807 applications may not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least two years have  
808 passed since the effective date of the original authorization: *Provided, however,* That the  
809 provisions of this subdivision (1) are not applicable to the issuance of plates authorized pursuant  
810 to subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section.

811 (2) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates  
812 authorized by this section for which membership or affiliation with a particular organization is not  
813 required until at least two hundred fifty registrants complete an application and deposit a fee with  
814 the division to cover the first year's basic registration fee, one-time design and manufacturing fee  
815 and additional annual fee if applicable. If the commissioner fails to receive the required number  
816 of applications within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the  
817 plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided,* That if the  
818 minimum number of applications is not satisfied within the six months of the effective date of the  
819 original authorizing legislation, a person may not request reconsideration of a special plate until  
820 at least two years have passed since the effective date of the original authorization.

821 (e) (1) Nothing in this section requires a charge for a free prisoner of war license plate or

822 a free recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor license plate for a vehicle titled in the name  
823 of the qualified applicant as authorized by other provisions of this code.

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

827 (3) Qualified former prisoners of war and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor  
828 may obtain a second special registration plate for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name  
829 of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the  
830 State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second special  
831 plate.

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

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

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

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

848 (h) The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, issue a registration plate of  
849 reflectorized material suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers,  
850 together with appropriate devices to be attached to the registration to indicate the year for which  
851 the vehicles have been properly registered or the date of expiration of the registration. The design  
852 and expiration of the plates shall be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall,  
853 whenever possible and cost effective, implement the latest technology in the design, production  
854 and issuance of registration plates, indices of registration renewal and vehicle ownership  
855 documents, including, but not limited to, offering Internet renewal of vehicle registration and the  
856 use of bar codes for instant identification of vehicles by scanning equipment to promote the  
857 efficient and effective coordination and communication of data for improving highway safety,  
858 aiding law enforcement and enhancing revenue collection.

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the issuance of a special volunteer fire fighter registration plate for a five-year period.

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