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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 state's 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 spouse's 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 spouse's 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 fireman's 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 applicant's 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 applicant's 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 spouse's 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, sheriff's 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 organization's 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 registration,
774 one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the first year additional annual fee for all
775 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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